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Yeshiva gets \$40,000 to buy Moslem flats

By AVI TEMKIN
 Post Economic Reporter
 The Housing Ministry has granted \$40,000 to a Gush Emunim-oriented yeshiva, Ateret Cohanim, which has spearheaded the move to buy out Moslem owners of houses surrounding the Temple Mount. There was no authorization in the state budget for this allocation.

The money was given to the yeshiva to help it acquire flats in the Moslem quarter of the Old City.

The expressed purpose of the yeshiva is to prepare *cohanim* for service in a Third Temple.

Government sources said the yeshiva has debts of hundreds of thousands of dollars, partly incurred in the "grey" credit market. They added that the transfer of money to the yeshiva is especially dangerous since it could pave the way for further grants.

The sources said the Treasury is embarrassed by the affair.

U.S. worried at Syrian belligerency

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
 WASHINGTON. — A senior Pentagon official yesterday said that the U.S. was taking seriously Syria's most recent statements threatening Israel.

Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Affairs Richard Armitage told a Foreign Press Centre briefing that the Syrians have demonstrated "a very hostile attitude" towards Israel in the past. "Clearly, they are armed to the teeth," he said of the Syrians.

Still, he insisted that the U.S. had no doubt that the IDF has the capability "to defend the state, the nation of Israel. There's no question about this."

Shot German tourist dies

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 BEERSHEBA. — Despite desperate efforts by neurosurgeons to save her life, Miriam Stucker, the 24-year-old West German tourist shot two weeks ago, died shortly before noon yesterday at the Soroka Hospital.

Shot in the head on March 14, she was found unconscious the next afternoon in an orchard near Kibbutz Revivim in the Negev.

On Wednesday a 24-year-old Negev Beduin was remanded for 15 days in connection with the crime.

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We regret that because of technical difficulties in our press, today's issue is smaller than planned.

The Editors

Reagan: Gaddafi will pay for terror reprisals

By WOLF BLITZER
 Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

WASHINGTON. — President Reagan yesterday warned Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi that he would hold him personally responsible for any Libyan-inspired terrorist acts. The declaration came as the U.S. withdrew its naval and air forces from the Gulf of Sidra, several days ahead of schedule.

"The U.S. will not be intimidated by new threats of terrorism against us," Reagan said in a speech in New Orleans. "We are aware of intensive Libyan preparations that were already underway for terrorist operations against Americans. Mr. Gaddafi must know that we will hold him fully accountable for any such actions."

Libya's ambassador to Italy, however, promised last night that his country would not attack U.S. military bases in Europe, American citizens living in Libya or in Western countries.

Fears of Libyan terrorism were reportedly behind the decision of two U.S. senators, Gary Hart and Benet Johnson, to postpone a trip to Israel, Jordan and Egypt that was scheduled to begin tomorrow. A spokesman for Hart confirmed that the trip had been called off and declined to give a reason, but Senate sources cited U.S.-Libyan tension as the cause.

Meanwhile, Pentagon officials said the ships inside the disputed Gulf had turned northwards at around 1400 GMT. About an hour after that, the vessels had passed Gaddafi's self-proclaimed "Line of Death," where Tripoli claims its territorial waters end.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a Pentagon news conference: "We've completed the exercise in the Gulf of Sidra, and it was in every way a successful operation."

One source added that the aircraft carriers and their support ships would move outside the so-called Tripoli flight-control region to new stations in the central Mediterranean. They will remain at the new "stand-by stations" at least through tomorrow and probably longer, the source said.

Not surprisingly, the reaction in the Arab world to the Gulf of Sidra confrontation was negative. In Tunis, the Arab League ended a three-day foreign ministers' meeting with a vigorous condemnation of U.S. "hostile acts" against Libya and expressed solidarity with Tripoli.

In Tripoli, hundreds of Libyans carrying signs saying "To hell with America" paraded through the streets last night accompanied by marching bands. In Damascus, tens of thousands of demonstrators took to the streets to protest against American actions. An official of the ruling Ba'ath Party said that "any attack on Libya is also aimed at Syria."



A student prepares to throw a chunk of masonry at police in Santiago, Chile, as hundreds of students took to the streets to demand the reopening of universities and the release of student leaders. Gen. Augusto Pinochet's government recently shut down the universities following demonstrations for increased civil liberties in the country. (AFP telephoto)

Greeks seize ship laden with 'arms from Ashdod'

AYIOS NIKOLAOS, Greece. — Greek authorities have arrested a ship carrying a helicopter, machine-guns and explosives, which was apparently on its way from Israel to Latin America, the Shipping Ministry said yesterday.

The Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv would not comment on the report saying it was seeking more details on the affair.

The ministry said the vessel, the 3,000-ton West Lion, was under arrest in this Cretan port and police were questioning the Greek captain and his crew of seven Turks, an Austrian and three Filipinos.

The ship was apprehended off

Karpathos Island yesterday and escorted here, the ministry said in a statement.

It said ship's papers showed the vessel contained 80 tons of ammunition, 200 tons of TNT, 24 Uzi sub-machine guns and a helicopter. The crew had said they were taking the cargo, loaded at Ashdod, to Portugal and to Guatemala and other Latin American countries.

A harbour patrol boat became suspicious after seeing the crew in the process of changing the ship's name from "Captain Vlassis." The crew claimed to have engine trouble, but were then seen departing at high speed. (Reuters, AP)

Jordan acts to increase its influence on the West Bank

Post Middle East Staff
 The Jordanian parliament voted yesterday to more than double its size, increasing the number of both Palestinian representatives from the West Bank and legislators from Jordan.

The move, which would raise the number of West Bank representatives from 30 to 60, is apparently designed to increase Jordanian influence in the West Bank, where sentiment has turned against King Hussein since he suspended political

coordination with the PLO in February.

The decision to increase the total number of deputies in the elected Lower House from 60 to 142 would reduce the proportion of West Bank representatives. Until now residents of the East Bank and the West Bank had been equally represented. (Members of the Upper House are appointed by the king.)

Deputies from the East Bank are to be directly elected, while those

Israel didn't query Waldheim's record before UN job

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
 Jerusalem Post Reporter and agencies

Israel made no effort to check on Kurt Waldheim's World War II record when he was named as a candidate for secretary-general of the UN in 1972. The country's two leading Foreign Ministry officials at the time told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that they had assumed Waldheim's record was clean.

"We assumed that he wouldn't have received support from the two superpowers, if there had been anything like this in his background," said Abba Eban, who at the time of

Waldheim's nomination was foreign minister.

Meanwhile, in Bonn, the West German Military Archive spokesman said Waldheim had been responsible for filing intelligence reports during his service with the German Army in the Balkans. The spokesman said the operations diary of Waldheim's Army Group E showed that he had a variety of responsibilities. But the spokesman added that the army group would not have been involved in the deportation of Jews from Salonika. He said it was "more or less certain" that officers like Waldheim would have known about it.

Campaigning in Vienna for the May 4 Austrian presidential election, Waldheim yesterday rejected as an "almost incomprehensible conspiracy" the publication of documents in Yugoslavia Wednesday alleging he was guilty of murder and other war crimes. The documents, which date from December 1947, allege that Waldheim played a deci-

Couple found dead in TA flat

By YORAM GAZIT

TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday found the decomposing bodies of an elderly couple in their Tel Aviv apartment, several days after the two had died.

Police said that Zvi Kodbelo, 76, had probably died first of natural causes, and that his companion, Sophia Raviv, 62, kept his death a secret for several days before either dying herself of natural causes or committing suicide. Kodbelo's body was in a more advanced stage of decomposition than Raviv's.

The police were alerted by the couple's daughter, who had been trying to contact them since Sunday. After failing to reach them by telephone for several days, the daughter came to the apartment, where she detected a strong odour of decomposition in the corridor.

Civil Defence Commander Yigal Lushi told *The Jerusalem Post* that police are trying to deal with the problem of elderly people being robbed or dying at home alone by distributing emergency beepers.

Air Force hits PLO after Katyusha injures four
Rabin: No peace across border if shells fall here

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT and MEHAHEM HOROWITZ
 Jerusalem Post Reporters and agencies

Israel Air Force jets bombed three targets near Sidon yesterday, less than two hours after a Katyusha rocket exploded in a Kiryat Shmona schoolyard, injuring four people.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said on Army Radio yesterday that "we are taking all possible steps to prevent Katyusha attacks on Kiryat Shmona, and that includes the Air Force today." Military sources, however, said that the air raid was not retaliation for the rocket attack but was intended to strike at terror groups in the Sidon area.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that he believed Israel would be able to show the residents of South Lebanon that they could not live in peace if the Israeli side of the border did not also remain peaceful.

Speaking in the Western Galilee town of Shlomi, Rabin said that the Israel Defence Forces would show the terror organizations that "we will pursue them and strike them wherever they are."

The Katyusha hit the schoolyard at 9:30 a.m., injuring Tomar Jamil, Michal Ben-Shoshan, and Yaniv Masika, all 15-year-old pupils and Etti Tahmon, a 24-year-old teacher.

X-rays taken at the government hospital in Safad showed that a piece of shrapnel from the rocket had

fractured Jamil's skull and was lodged in his head. He was transferred to the neurosurgery ward at Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he was operated on last night. The shrapnel was removed and the hospital reported that he was in good condition.

The other three injured were given first aid at the Safad hospital and sent home.

Most of the school's pupils were inside the building when the rocket exploded.

According to the IDF spokesman, yesterday's air raid was directed at two buildings serving as headquarters for the Fatah Palestinian terror organization in the area of the Miyeh Miyeh refugee camp, and at a training base south of the camp. The pilots reported accurate hits and all planes returned safely to base, he added.

Reports from Sidon said that at least eight people were killed and 30 wounded in the raid.

During the past few months Fatah has been entrenching itself in Miyeh Miyeh and the neighbouring Ein al-Hilwe refugee camp.

Military sources estimated that Fatah and pro-Syrian Palestinian organizations have about 1,000 men in the area, and are trying to organize themselves into military formations resembling the brigades and battalions that existed before the 1982 Lebanon war.

Reuters reported from Sidon that six jets flew in from the sea at about 11:15 a.m. firing rockets, with an

additional three planes flying above to provide cover.

It said the targets appeared to be buildings used by Fatah dissidents and a Libyan-backed group. But it quoted residents as saying there were only civilians in one six-storey building that was attacked.

OC Northern Command Aluf Ori Orr said yesterday that it was not yet clear who had fired the Katyusha that hit Kiryat Shmona. Nor was it clear, he said, whether the Amal Shi'ite militia had tried to prevent the attack or had itself launched the rocket.

Fatah yesterday claimed responsibility for the rocket attack, but military sources do not make such statements at face value. Some speculated that the extremist Shi'ite group Hizbollah had fired the Katyusha.

The rocket is believed to have been fired from the south of Shakra, about 10 kilometres west of Kiryat Shmona.

Israeli soldiers yesterday searched the area but failed to find any trace of the rocket launcher, a well-informed source said.

The source told *The Jerusalem Post* that the area had originally been included in the security zone. But then Unifil asked Israel to cede some villages to Amal as a "gesture" of good will.

About half a year ago Israel agreed, and placed the villages of Barashit, Shakra, Majdal Islim and Jmeime outside the zone.

Population falls in Negev, Galilee, Jerusalem district

Number of Jews in areas rises to 42,000

By AVI TEMKIN

The number of Jewish settlers in the occupied territories increased by 4,800 in 1985, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday, bringing the total to 42,000. But many areas inside the Green Line registered losses through migration.

The Negev, Galilee and Jerusalem areas all registered net losses through migration last year. The

bureau said that in 1985 four out of every 1,000 Jewish residents in the southern district left the area, a total of 1,800.

The large cities also registered population declines due to migration. Tel Aviv had a net loss of 2,800 people; Haifa, 1,100; and Jerusalem, 1,000 of its Jewish residents.

The bureau reported that in 25 development towns within the

Green Line, 3.2 out of every 1,000 residents left in 1985. Most of the population drop in the development towns occurred in Galilee.

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the transfer of \$30,000 from budgets for the development of the Galilee area to a body dealing with development projects on the West Bank. The transfer was tabled by the Industry Ministry.

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Peres demands coalition unity on budget vote

Prime Minister Peres said yesterday that the national unity government would cease to exist unless all the members of the coalition voted approval of the 1986/87 state budget next Monday, the last day of the fiscal year.

In a rare turnout, some 80 of the 97 coalition members, including nine cabinet ministers, came to hear Peres say that the government would not budget from its decision to impose an education levy on parents of schoolchildren, and a property tax on vehicles.

The overall budget figure would not be increased, he said. He rejected demands, mainly from his own Alignment faction, to ease the lot of low-income earners, by taxing the better off.

Peres said the proposal to tax luxury dwellings was not workable (even though the government last year decided to impose it). He said the proposal for a tax on stock ex-

KNESSET NEWS

ASHER WALLFISH

change transactions would scare off investors and make them flee from the shekel to the dollar.

Alignment faction chairman Rafi Edri, who had vainly demanded both those measures, said in disgruntled tones after the three-hour meeting that he could not recommend that his faction vote for the budget. He said it would be better to dissolve the Knesset and hold elections, rather than be forced into the budget straitjacket which the national unity government had put together.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i

took a back seat at the meeting because Peres did all that was necessary to stave off criticism from every quarter.

Only one Alignment MK, Ora Namir, said she would not vote for the state budget on Monday. She said it was unfair to make parents of pupils pay what they could not afford, while the tax burden was not imposed on owners of dwellings worth \$150,000 and more.

While this was going on in the presence of the media, quite a different story was being told back stage, however.

The word was being passed around that a crisis was superfluous over the budget, since the imposition of the education levy and the tax on vehicles will require special measures which will have to be discussed separately.

The tax on vehicles is only due to come into effect on August 1, and

the education levy on September 1. Many MKs in both the Likud and the Alignment object to these measures.

By yesterday afternoon a discreet understanding was shaping up to the effect that all hands (save one or two) would be raised on Monday in the plenum to meet Peres's ultimatum, while the substantive arguments against the unpopular measures would be postponed till after the Pessah recess.

Peres said the travel tax would be increased this year only if foreign currency reserves dwindled.

The vehicle tax, if imposed, will be paid by 800,000 owners at the rate of 2 per cent of the assessed value. It will net \$55 million and average out at approximately \$70 per vehicle.

The education levy to net \$27m. will average out at \$60 for a family with two children in school. But exemptions will get two out of every five families off the hook.

Orthodox parties in Knesset submit alternative to 'racism'

The Orthodox factions in the Knesset yesterday gave the two cabinet ministers responsible for liaison with the coalition their alternative proposal on legislation to muzzle MK Meir Kahane's Kach Party.

Instead of the government draft already approved in the Law Committee, which would make publication of incitement to racism a crime,

the Orthodox parties want to outlaw attacks on minorities.

The Orthodox factions say that a law against racism in a Jewish state could create the impression that Judaism is racist.

The two cabinet ministers, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Energy Minister Moshe Shalev, said they would study the Orthodox factions' draft, composed with the help of attorney Yaakov Weinroth at the

request of MK Avner Shaki (NRP), and report to the coalition executive on Monday.

Nissim declined to give the press any off-the-cuff comments on the alternative draft. Shalev, however, said that at first glance it seemed unacceptable, since there was no justification in a democratic state for special legislation protecting the status of minorities. He said Israel had never created a special status in law

for minorities.

Shalev also rejected the Orthodox factions' fear of the term "racism," pointing out that the Basic Law: Knesset had recently been amended to keep Kahane out of the next elections. It states in so many words that an electoral list preaching racist doctrine could be barred from running. The Orthodox parties never raised a murmur about the Basic Law: Knesset, he said.

Lavi production is now 'at point of no return'

By SHLOMO MAOZ and AVI TEMKIN

The Lavi fighter plane has passed the point of no return. Its first prototype will fly in September, and production will start in 1990, the chairman of the Israel Aircraft Industries board, David Ivri, said yesterday. The direct cost of scrapping the Lavi project would be \$270 million, and it would cause the dismissal of some 6,000 from Israeli industry, Ivri disclosed.

If the project were discontinued, it would be the heaviest blow that Israel's industry could receive, he said. Hitherto, about \$1 billion has been spent in the fighter's development and a further \$1.2b. will be spent in the future. He revealed that only a 13 per cent gap separates the Israeli and the American estimates of development costs. The Americans have said the costs will reach \$2.6b., he said.

Ivri said that each plane will cost between \$13.5m. and \$15.5m. to produce. The development and production of the fighter are being completely financed with funds from America, Ivri said. By 1992, the production line will be working at full speed, when 24 planes will be produced, he forecast.

IAI general manager Moshe Keret said the Lavi will be a high-speed and low-flying fighter, which will be able to operate with a heavy load. He said the plane was specially designed for attack, although it will fulfil a broad range of tasks for the

Israel Air Force.

The IAI officials described the Lavi as a flying computer. They said it is one of the largest software projects in the world, possibly second only to the American space shuttle programme.

The heads of IAI said about 4,000 engineers were employed by their company, most of them in the development of the Lavi. They revealed that there are suggestions that IAI should develop projects for the American "Star Wars" programme, as a means of finding jobs for these engineers after the fighter development stage is over.

Ivri and Keret were optimistic about the export potential of the Lavi.

Keret said that IAI will export goods worth \$552m. in 1985/86, compared to \$435m. last year. In 1986-87, it is planning to export \$620m. The general manager complained that the cuts in the defence budget had decreased the company's domestic sales. The company had compensated for the drop in domestic orders by increasing its sales abroad, he said.

Asked about unsold civilian aircraft, mainly Astra executive jets made by IAI, the company heads said that currently held stock is worth about \$50m.

Keret revealed that IAI has started work on the next generation of anti-missile systems, the Barak, and is thinking about developing the third generation of the Gabriel sea missile. When it comes to sales of missiles, it is a question of "fashion," he said.

Kessar promises workers say in Solel Boneh rescue

By ROY ISACOWITZ

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday assured representatives of the Solel Boneh workers that they would be party to the company's recovery programme and that matters concerning dismissals would be handled by the Histadrut's Trade Union Department.

Kessar agreed to meet with the works committee heads after some 1,200 Solel Boneh workers staged a raucous demonstration at Histadrut headquarters here yesterday morning. Only the presence of the police prevented the demonstrators from breaking into the building, where the Histadrut Executive was meeting.

Kessar and Hevrat Ha'Ovdim Secretary Danny Rosolio were

greeted by jeers and shouts of "go home" when they went out to speak to the workers. Shouting through a megaphone, Kessar blamed Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i for blocking implementation of a recovery plan for Solel Boneh. He assured the workers that the Histadrut would "stand at the head of the struggle" for the future of the concern.

Meeting later with the works committees, Kessar promised that the planned retrenchments would be implemented equally "from top to bottom" and would include both managers and workers.

Rosolio told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Trade Union Department always handled disputes between workers and management in Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, and that Kessar's statements should not be interpreted as a vote of no confidence in the Hevrat Ha'Ovdim management.

Maimon is candidate for Solel Boneh head

Post Labour Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf David Maimon, currently head of the IDF Appeals Court, is the leading candidate for chairman of the Solel Boneh board of directors, Histadrut sources said yesterday.

The position is currently held by Hevrat Ha'Ovdim secretary Danny Rosolio, who has agreed to vacate the job when proposed changes in

the board's membership are implemented.

Maimon is the candidate of Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, who has wanted for some time to bring the general into the Histadrut framework. However, Maimon's candidacy is reportedly opposed by several central committee members, who regard it as favouritism by Kessar towards a fellow Yemenite.

JORDAN ACTS

(Continued from Page One)

from the West Bank will be chosen by parliament. The 30 incumbent West Bank representatives travelled to Amman to take part in the vote.

General elections, which will expand the lawmaking body, are not due until 1988, but competition for the posts in the West Bank is expected to begin in the next few months.

Government officials have repeatedly insisted that the measure was not designed to challenge the PLO's role as representative of West Bank Palestinians, but to reflect population growth since the last electoral law in 1960.

King Hussein revived parliament in 1984, and under its legislation, residents of the West Bank have been able to select deputies to fill seats left vacant when members

died.

Jordanian and PLO officials denied reports in the Kuwaiti *Al-Anba* newspaper yesterday that Hussein had decided to close the organization's offices in Amman and expel Yasser Arafat's deputy, Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), and 100 PLO officials.

"The story is not true," said a senior Jordanian official. Al Wazir said Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid al-Rifai had telephoned him to deny the report.

In an interview with the BBC, Arafat expressed hope that efforts by Egypt and other Arab countries to reconcile Jordan and the PLO would succeed. He said the PLO had decided to open a "new chapter" in its relations with Syria. A PLO statement released in Prague called for an alliance between the PLO, Syria, and Lebanese guerrilla groups.

Syria has in recent years backed anti-Arafat dissidents in the PLO and has made rapprochement with the PLO conditional on the ousting of Arafat and PLO renunciation of its February 1985 negotiating accord with Hussein.

High Court overrules ruling on Druse arrest

The High Court of Justice ruled that security authorities can hold five of the 18 Golan Heights Druse who were arrested in connection with protests held during Prime Minister Peres's visit to Majdal Shams last month. The decision partially overturned that of a lower court which had ordered all 18 to be freed until legal proceedings against them had been completed.

The High Court postponed a decision on whether to free two other Druse in the case, as well as a decision on altering the terms under which the remaining 13 will be freed. The lower court had only permitted the 18 to be freed on bail. (Itim)

Bus station bombed

A small bomb exploded near a bus stop at the Nachshon Junction yesterday morning, causing no injuries. The explosion, which occurred around 7:45 a.m., was in an open area. (Itim)



Garbage on Rehov Dizengoff. (M. Dekel)

Tel Aviv garbage-truck drivers end sanctions

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Tel Aviv's garbage-truck drivers returned to work yesterday after being ordered to do so by the Tel Aviv District Labour Court. Garbage has been piling up in the streets since they started imposing sanctions early this week.

The drivers are demanding a 30 per cent increase in their wages,

which total NIS 1,000 a month. But a Tel Aviv representative told the court that if the city paid them more it would be violating the law.

A representative of the Tel Aviv Labour Council told the court that it had not approved the sanctions. The City hired a private contractor to clean up Rehov Dizengoff on Tuesday night.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel Bonds conference

Four hundred Jewish leaders from around the world will arrive in Israel Sunday for the week-long Israel Bonds 35th Anniversary Conference at Jerusalem's Ramada Renaissance Hotel.

The conference will wind up plans for the 1986 bond drive. Last year Israel Bonds raised \$505 million in loans for Israel's economic development, an increase of \$91 million from 1984.

President Herzog and Prime Minister Peres, as well as other members of the cabinet, will address the group during the week.

Banker Stern here after extradition

By BARBARA AMOUVAL

The former Jerusalem branch manager of North American Bank, Moshe Stern, was brought back to Israel yesterday evening after being extradited from France. He was accompanied by his wife Nehama and a member of the national fraud squad.

Stern, who is suspected of embezzling tens of millions of dollars from the North American Bank, was taken to the Abu Kabir lock-up. The police will ask a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge this morning to remand Stern in custody for 15 days.

16-year-old killed by shell explosion

BUSTAN HAGALIL (Itim). — A 16-year-old Acre boy died Wednesday night from injuries sustained when he picked up a shell on a firing range near here.

The death of Moshe Bajayo immediately brought renewed criticism of the army from Bustan Hagalil residents, who said the range is not adequately fenced off. They said that, despite years of protests and several incidents in which people were injured after picking up shells, the IDF had not taken steps to close off the field.

Bajayo lost a hand and received severe injuries in his chest and lower extremities when he picked up the shell Wednesday afternoon.

Chancellor candidate Rau due here today

Johannes Rau, the West German Socialist Party's popular candidate for chancellor, is to arrive here today for a week-long visit.

Rau, an observant Christian with pro-Israeli opinions, will combine an Easter celebration at the holy sites with official meetings.

The widely-supported politician (in a recent poll he took 50 per cent of the vote, against Chancellor Helmut Kohl's 47 per cent) is outspoken about Germany's debt to the Jews. He recently said, "While the Palestinian problem must, of course, be solved in the Middle East, the PLO must not be given a central role in the political process. Other representatives of the Palestinians should be found."

Singer's wife loses appeal in divorce proceedings

The High Court of Justice yesterday turned down a request from Orna Gaon, the wife of singer Yehoram Gaon, to intervene in the divorce proceedings which he has initiated.

She said she had not been informed of the action and that it had been accompanied by press reports that damaged her reputation. She asked the High Court to overrule the decision of the rabbinical court to speed up the proceedings. (Itim)

Two suspects charged in police officer's murder

By BARBARA AMOUVAL

Onar Faraj and Mahmoud Nizra were charged yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court with the premeditated murder on January 30 of Avraham Bayazi, the Old City police intelligence chief.

Yoshua Resnik, chief Jerusalem district prosecutor, charged Faraj, 22, of Silwan, with enlisting two friends to carry out his plan to kill Bayazi. Faraj allegedly drove the stolen car that pulled up alongside Bayazi near Jaffa Gate, and fired several rounds at the officer with a Kalashnikov rifle.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Herzog last night received 150 pilgrims from Ireland who plan to march from Nazareth to Jerusalem by way of the Jordan River. The trek will be shown on Easter Sunday on Irish television. In the morning, the president received leaders of the U.S. Histadrut Development Fund at Beit Haniassi.

The Susan Stein Shiva Laboratory of the Weizmann Institute's Department of Chemical Immunology was dedicated on Wednesday in the presence of her family and members of the institute's staff. A luncheon in honour of the Shiva family was given by Prof. Shmuel Shaltiel, senior vice president. Present at the luncheon was Prof. Michael Sela, deputy chairman of the Board of Governors.

Marvin S. Schapiro, chairman of the International Development Committee of the Sede Boker Campus of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, visited the university this week to discuss the campus development master plan.

Health Minister Mordechai Gur will address the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, at the Zion Hotel, at 1 o'clock today. Table reservations by phone, (04)529818.

Technician professor Giora Shaviv will speak on the Strategic Defence Initiative or Star Wars, at the Haifa Engineers Club luncheon meeting at 1 o'clock today. Table reservations by phone, (04)538268.

In Memoriam

A memorial assembly for 242 graduates of Haifa's Reali Secondary School and Military Academy was held at the school last night. Addressing the gathering was the commander of the infantry and paratroops, Tat-aluf Shmuel Arad, himself a Reali graduate.

Honorary British consul appointed for Eilat

TEL AVIV. — The government has approved the appointment of an honorary British consul in Eilat, Fay Morris, a long-time British resident of the town.

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Expert terms Gaddafi calls for suicide attacks 'bluster' Limited action boosts Libya's self-image

By RON JOURARD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LIBYA calls for a popular wave of suicide attacks on U.S. institutions in the Middle East in retaliation for this week's confrontation in the Gulf of Sidra are "bluster," according to Prof. Emmanuel Sivan of the Hebrew University.

Gaddafi talks big, Sivan says, but when it comes to action, he is careful not to get into situations that are "too dangerous."

Sivan, a leading Arabist and consultant to the Prime Minister's Office on Arab affairs, concedes that in the wake of the U.S. assaults on several Libyan patrol boats and a missile base, Libya may devote more money and manpower to anti-U.S. terror.

But Libya, he says, can use Abu Nidal or other organizations. And such attacks would require only several dozen trained men, making mass participation unnecessary.

According to Sivan, Gaddafi's latest run-in with Washington, in which Libya fired missiles at U.S.

fighter aircraft over the Gulf, should not be seen as a sign of imprudence. Gaddafi is actually quite cautious, Sivan says, noting that as soon as the Americans struck at the Libyan patrol boats, Libya stopped shooting at the U.S. planes.

A limited confrontation, such as the one this week, neatly serves Libyan interests, he says. A clash with the U.S., a country that represents world order, advances Libya's self-image as a revolutionary state.

It also puts Libya on the map, which swells national pride and increases backing for the regime. Were it not for such incidents, "who would take notice of Gaddafi?" Sivan notes.

Although other Arab states criticized the U.S., none offered Gaddafi any real support. "No one follows after him," said Sivan. "Therefore—and his record bears this out—he is careful."

Is there not a danger that the risks of needless confrontation with the U.S. might rally domestic opponents to unseat Gaddafi? Though little is

known about what goes on inside Libya, says Sivan, such a danger is apparently nonexistent.

In *Libya Under Gaddafi*, Israeli researcher Gidon Gera writes that though the regime's policy of suppression has spawned a proliferation of opponents, there is no united opposition.

Gaddafi's regime, established in a military coup in 1969, is "relatively stable," says Sivan. After Hussein, Gaddafi is the longest reigning ruler in the Arab world today.

According to Gera, Gaddafi's regime is a militant blend of pan-Arabism and Islam. Gaddafi wants to unify the Arab world and reform through a purified Islam, he writes.

That gives Libya a sense of mission, which has shaped the country's foreign policy. That policy seeks to move Libya away from the sidelines of the Arab world and into the limelight.

In the pursuit of its ideological goals, Libya views itself as morally entitled to intervene in the affairs of the Arab world in general and in

those of its surrounding countries in particular. Libya's support for the rebels in Chad, which made headlines last month when a Libyan jet reportedly raided Ndjamena, is a recent example of such intervention.

Libya's international meddling and provocations against other countries are also designed to boost national self-esteem and to unify the population around the regime.

Sivan observes that Tripoli's latest tangle with the U.S. also serves to divert domestic attention from economic problems. The recent drop in world oil prices has seriously hurt Libya's income, slowing development projects and causing shortages of staple goods.

Gaddafi's regime owes much of its stability to the oil wealth that it has used to finance the development of infrastructure, agriculture, industry and education. Vast investments have wiped out poverty. But the continuation of these investments—the expectation of which has contributed to the regime's stability—no longer seems certain.



Sir Sigmund Sternberg receiving his papal knighthood at Westminster Cathedral.

Couldn't kneel to receive Vatican knighthood

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Even if some Jews feel that Christianity owes them a moral debt, they have little to gain by dwelling on it in discussions with Christians. One of the few Jews ever to receive a papal knighthood told *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman of the executive committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews, and currently in Israel, is a veteran of interfaith dialogue. He is especially encouraged by the forthcoming visit of the pope to the Rome synagogue, which he sees as a very promising gesture.

Sternberg is aware of the halachic difficulties facing Rome's Jewish community as a result of the Pope's visit. He himself faced similar prob-

lems regarding his own investiture in London.

For example, such ceremonies usually come as part of a mass in Westminster Cathedral. For Sternberg, an observant Jew, a mass was out of the question, and the British chief rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, would not have spoken had the event taken place in the cathedral.

The Catholics agreed to transfer the ceremony to the Cathedral Hall. But it was a little more difficult to explain to Church officials why he could not kneel before the cardinal to receive his knighthood.

After all, the officials argued, he had knelt before the queen when he received his other knighthood. Eventually, they understood that for a religious Jew there was a difference between kneeling before a sovereign and a church dignitary.

Sternberg, who is to go to Rome to "attend" the Pope during his visit to the synagogue, has seen both Apostolic Delegate Carlo Curis and Latin Patriarch Giacomo Beltritti during his stay in Israel. It is a sign of the general atmosphere of friendliness engendered by the announcement of the pope's visit, he says, that both received him with extreme warmth.

He is aware that Jewish reactions in Israel to the visit have ranged from cool to frigid, but he sees little to be gained from such attitudes. Nor, he adds, is there much to be gained from harping on the centuries of persecution which Jews suffered under Christianity.

"As a businessman, I am used to conducting negotiations," he said. "And I have never found it useful to tell people they owe you something."

Heart pioneer Cooley here for int'l symposium

By JUDY SIEGEL

It will be many years before the artificial heart becomes a reliable and long-lasting alternative for patients who need transplants, but the device can be used temporarily until a human heart is found, says transplant pioneer Dr. Denton Cooley of the Texas Heart Institute.

Cooley, in Israel to attend the International Symposium on Vascular Surgery at the Jerusalem Hilton, says the two-stage operation, in which an artificial heart is implanted and later replaced by a human organ, has proven successful in many cases.

The first successful transplant of a human heart in the U.S., which he conducted in 1969, was "the most exciting thing I have ever done," says Cooley. He notes sadly that the patient lived just 14 months after the operation. Since then, however, great advances have been made in techniques and in the development of immuno-suppressive drugs that reduce the chance of the foreign organ being rejected.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, the Houston-born physician said that just a few years ago, his institute performed 5,000 open-heart operations annually, but this year



Herbert Dardick (left) and Denton Cooley.

the number dropped to 3,500. (Transplants account for only about 2 percent of all the institute's operations.) The reason for the decline is economic: a bypass costs a prohibitive \$16,000 and a transplant anywhere from \$40,000 to \$250,000. The U.S. government is no longer as generous in helping to cover medical costs.

Three-fourths of Cooley's patients pay the full cost, 15 per cent part of

the cost, and 10 per cent are treated free (including some Israelis who had to be flown to Texas).

Another participant in the symposium is Dr. Herbert Dardick, who pioneered the use of fetal umbilical cords as grafts for arteries in the lower limbs. He developed the technique over 10 years ago in a small community hospital in Englewood, New Jersey.

The cords, which average 50 cen-

timetres in length and are very suitable for replacing blood vessels in the leg, are imported from Ireland, which has a very high birth rate. In the U.S., they are chemically treated by a New Jersey company in a process that effectively "kills" them. This ensures that the cords are not rejected by the body of the recipient.

The five-centimetre-wide vessels are very elastic and better than artificial Dacron vessels, which are often rejected.

Dardick performs 100 such operations annually, and other American hospitals, as well as some in Israel, are now using the technique.

The symposium, the first on the subject to be held here, has been well attended by experts from around the world, including one from Poland. Some doctors from Egypt were invited, said Dr. Eliahu Antebi, chairman of the symposium, but none accepted. He added that a relatively large number of doctors cancelled their reservations at the last minute, apparently out of fear of terrorism.

"Never have I heard so many stories about uncles who have suddenly broken a leg," said Antebi with a smile. "Even doctors are not immune to sensational headlines."

KNESSET SPOTLIGHT/Arveh Rubinstein

Free IEC power 'borders on the criminal'

If statistics can lie, averages can conceal. One can drown in a lake whose average depth is half a metre. Up to now we were told that average electricity consumption by employees of the Israel Electric Corporation is over three times as much as the average consumption by those of us who must pay for it. That's bad enough.

But Uriel Lynn (Likud-Liberal), speaking in a debate on the ministry of energy, revealed some interesting details. Whereas average consumption in Israel in 1983/84 was 2,700 kwh, 42 per cent of IEC workers used between 7,000 and 12,000 kwh. And 4.4 per cent used over 15,000 kwh.

"That's like throwing government dollars down the sewer," Lynn commented. "It borders on the criminal. No [ordinary] Israeli family can reach such a level."

Lynn also cited statistics of the State Comptroller on the rate of increase in electricity consumption in the past five years. While average national consumption rose by 0.7 per cent, average consumption by IEC workers and pensioners rose by 15 per cent—or 20 times as much.

This rampant abuse of a national resource raises the question from the realm of economics to that of moral conduct, Lynn said. And the only solution was to impose a limit per worker on this benefit.

For good measure, Lynn noted another little-known IEC benefit. Whereas the employer's contribution to the worker's pension fund is generally 13.3 per cent of monthly pay and the worker's contribution 5 per cent, the IEC contributes 33 per

cent for new workers while the worker contributes nothing.

Herut MK Gideon Gadot reminded Energy Minister Moshe Shalal that he had promised a sub-committee of the Finance Committee to come back within 10 days with a finished proposal. "That was 30 days ago," he said.

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) called for a law to fix a quota for free electricity. In any case, it was time to pass an Electricity Law to replace the outdated Mandatory Concession. And such legislation should make it a criminal offence for IEC workers to cut off electricity without authorization.

But free electricity also had its defenders. Mapam's Shemtov for one. Yes, of course free electricity was not a good thing. "But if the workers in a government company are efficient and professional, and there is industrial peace, we must know how to appreciate this."

He was joined by two Alignment speakers: Micha Harish and Haim Ramon. Harish, like Shemtov, granted that "perhaps there is room for correcting the matter of free electricity." But the IEC was one of the most efficient companies in the

country, and the Knesset should let management run it.

Ramon called on MKs who have "an obsession" about free electricity to get off it. The IEC workers were wrong in not agreeing to a ceiling. "But, after all, they get up in the morning and go to work. They don't go to the bourse. They produce and enable the economy to live."

As far back as last July, Shalal told the Knesset that if the workers continued to balk at a ceiling for their free electricity he would set the ceiling in a draft law.

But what Shalal told the Knesset shows that he has lowered his sights appallingly. For the first time the House heard of "a collective ceiling."

At least 50 per cent of the workers' representatives in the North and in the South "have announced their acceptance of the proposal to set a collective ceiling from which they will not deviate. And every new worker will get the average of this ceiling. That's not what I wanted, but I regard as an achievement the very fact that we are reaching a negotiated agreement."

Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberal): "Perhaps you will explain. What is a

collective ceiling?"

Shalal: "The idea is that we come and preserve. We set a [global] ceiling for all IEC workers, and if there is a deviation from that ceiling by the workers as a whole, payment will be made."

Tichon: "By whom?"

Shalal: "The collective."

Will the collective ceiling be set at the level of average national consumption? Will it in fact be lower than the present average consumption by IEC workers? Shalal didn't say, but that word *preserve* portends no good.

In any case, a collective ceiling will hardly encourage restraint in electricity consumption: it is more likely to abet prodigality. And where is the justice of billing the low-electricity users for the consumption of the hogs? Are the latter perhaps over-represented on the workers' committees?

Lynn's reference to the moral aspect of the question evoked no response from Shalal. But for the government to give its blessing to a collective ceiling would be even more unprincipled than its present *de facto* acquiescence in the sky's-the-limit free electricity.

Ban on night work for women being repealed

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The existing ban on night work for women is repealed in an amendment to the Women's Labour Law of 1954 which passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

Under the existing law the employment of women is prohibited between midnight and 6 a.m. Among the specified exceptions are women employed in hospitals, in journalism, and in tourist services. In addition the minister of labour is authorized to permit the employment of women in places that work three shifts.

The amendment will enable women to work in occupations heretofore closed to them, such as computers and electronics, to advance more easily, and to earn special shift pay, Katsav said.

On the other hand, women who do not wish to work at night will not be required to do so.

Terror fear keeps pilgrims away from Easter festival

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Good Friday processions in the Old City of Jerusalem today are expected to be smaller than in previous years, because many would-be visitors have been deterred by recent terror acts in the Middle East, and still more by the confrontation between the U.S. and Libya.

One Roman Catholic figure received a message on Wednesday informing him that a large youth pilgrimage for Easter had been cancelled after parents expressed fears of a general Middle East conflict. Hoteliers, already contending with lower than average occupancy, have also received cancellations.

The official Good Friday procession in the Old City is due to begin near St. Stephen's Gate at 10:15, but other groups will follow the last footsteps of Jesus throughout the

day. An Anglican devotion is to begin at the First Station of the Cross at 6 a.m.

On Sunday there will be an Easter Pontifical Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at 8:30 a.m. Other Easter masses will be held in churches throughout the country.

For Protestants, the Easter celebration includes traditional sunrise services. Lutheran services in English will be held at the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mt. Scopus at 5 a.m. The Church of Scotland will hold a service on the church terrace at 5 a.m. There will also be an English service at the Garden Tomb at 6:30.

INDONESIA.—Parents belonging to an Islamic sect in West Java have removed their children from all co-educational elementary public schools.

J'lem night club may have been torched

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post

Either arson or a "fluke electrical malfunction" may have caused the five-hour blaze yesterday morning that totally gutted a popular nightclub in the centre of Jerusalem, fire chief Yehuda Cohen said. He is to submit the results of his investigation of the fire to the police this morning.

The fire in the Cosmos club in the Nahlat Shiva neighbourhood broke out at 2:40 a.m.

Three families in an adjacent building were rescued by fire fighters and given shelter in a hotel. They returned to their homes later in the day after municipal workers cleared their building of smoke and debris.

The police discounted suspicions that the fire was started by underworld figures who had demanded protection money from the Adika family, the club's owners. The family also owns the Kolbotek shop and the Nava Cafe on Jaffa Road.

This is not the first time that a Jerusalem night-club has been the target of arsonists. In January 1983, the Genesis Club and the Jerusalem of Gold Club in Abu Tor were destroyed. Two East Jerusalemites were found guilty of setting fire to the Jerusalem of Gold Club in December 1984 and again in March 1985. They were identified as Islamic extremists who had selected the club for arson because it was popular among tourists.

2 East Europeans win Ka-Tzetnik prize

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Polish poet and a Hungarian Jewish writer were named the winners of the biennial Ka-Tzetnik Prize for Literature on Israel and the Holocaust, which was established in 1981.

Jerzy Pichovsky, a 52-year-old Polish poet who wrote "A Letter to Marc Chagall" in 1968, and has edited an anthology of Jewish folk-songs, deals mainly with the Holocaust and Jewish topics. He will be represented at the Beit Hanassi ceremony in Jerusalem on Sunday afternoon by his wife, as he is ill.

But Andreas Mezai, 56, a Hungarian Jew, will be in Israel to accept his prize. Mezai has written novels and poems about Jewish and Israeli subjects. The Bible and the Holocaust, and is a leading poet in his country.

The two will each receive \$1,000 from a fund established in honour of Yehiel Dinur, a Holocaust survivor who writes under the name Ka-Tzetnik, an abbreviation of the German work *Konzentrationslager*, or "concentration camp." The initials KZ in German are pronounced Ka-Tzet, and the Russian suffix "nik" was added by inmates of the camps.

Guitarist remanded

TEL AVIV (Itim).—Guitarist Haim Romano was remanded in custody for five days yesterday on suspicion of drug possession.

Romano was arrested on Tuesday after he allegedly received a letter from Holland containing cocaine. He was allowed to leave the police lock-up on Wednesday evening to play the bouzouki in a show for disabled war veterans.

At the remand hearing yesterday, Romano's attorney said dozens of people would lose huge amounts of money if his client remained in custody and his performances were cancelled.

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French doctors say they were beaten Two S.A. blacks slain in 'Ambush'

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday shot dead two black men in what one newspaper called an ambush.

The latest shootings bring the death toll in more than two years of political unrest in South Africa to nearly 1,400. Thirty-four people died in the last two days.

The police said they fired shotguns at a group of blacks petrol-bombing a vehicle in the Crossroads squatter camp near Cape Town, killing two men and wounding two others.

The *Cape Times* reported that the two victims were shot from behind by three plainclothes policemen in what the newspaper called an ambush.

A police spokesman said it was the incident, but denied it was an ambush. "We monitored that spot, and when the crowd started throwing stones and petrol bombs, the policemen who monitored that spot opened fire.... We don't like the word ambush."

A police spokesman said it was

not known how many people were injured in the shooting at Winterveld squatter camp, north of Pretoria, but press reports spoke of scores of wounded.

The spokesman said 2,500 people had been arrested. The homeland's state affairs ministry said the president had appointed a judge to investigate the shootings and report back to him as a matter of urgency.

Two French doctors have told reporters how they saw widespread brutality and were themselves beaten at Winterveld camp.

Dr. Vincent Faucher and a woman colleague, who did not wish to be named, said they had witnessed Wednesday's police killings at the squatter camp where they work for the French Doctors of the World organization.

The two, who had raw wounds on their bodies, said they had been among hundreds of people badly beaten by police in the "homeland," whose nominal independence from the rest of South Africa is not recog-

nized by the international community.

Faucher said he was whipped by several policemen when he and his colleague ran to the scene after hearing gunshots at what police have said was an "illegal gathering" at the huge squatter camp.

They said they were subsequently detained for 12 hours, with the homeland police denouncing them as "communists and terrorists."

Officials said at least 20 people were still being treated in hospital in Bophuthatswana after being wounded in the shooting.

The white liberal opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) said it held the government responsible for Wednesday's bloodshed.

A spokesman for the PFP's Unrest Monitoring Committee who visited the area, Chris Gillfillan, also questioned "the morality of providing vast amounts of money to the independent states" and allowing them to do exactly what they wished to their people. (Reuters, AFP)



A policewoman in London examines a mace and chain, a crossbow, and other deadly weapons seized this week from Chelsea football hooligans. In a series of raids on homes police also found literature from the extreme right-wing National Front. Six suspected ring-leaders were rounded up in the crackdown on football violence. (AFP telephoto)

Neo-Nazis sought in bombing of Melbourne police station

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — Twenty-two people, including 11 police officers, were injured in a car-bomb attack outside the Victoria State Police headquarters yesterday, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the lunchtime blast which set off a chain of explosions, but police sources said members of a local neo-Nazi group which had repeatedly threatened Melbourne police were being sought for questioning.

Official reports presented to Victoria State Premier John Cain said a massive primary explosion in a car outside the Russell Street police station detonated about five smaller explosions.

Among the injured were 10 police officers, 11 civilians and a magistrate. A policewoman is in a critical condition with burns to 80 per cent of her body.

The bomb went off in a stolen car parked outside one of the main doors of the police station, destroying a police car parked behind, he said.

Wreckage was sprayed 200 metres and windows as high as five storeys were shattered.

"She was running across the road on fire. She was really badly burnt. Her skin was burning. There were flames coming off her skin," said one bystander of the badly burned policewoman.

Mayors in Philippines rally against dismissals

MANILA. — More than 1,000 mayors said yesterday they would lead simultaneous rallies throughout the Philippines to protest against the arbitrary dismissal of elected officials by the government of Corazon Aquino.

In a full-page advertisement in the mass-circulation *Manila Bulletin*, they said the three-day rallies would start tomorrow in constituencies of 1,523 mayors who were ordered to resign after Aquino became president.

The mayors, whose six-year terms of office ended this month, asked the government to call an election rather than appoint replacements which they described as "a massive coup d'etat at the local level."

Many of the mayors, members of the New Society Movement of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos, ignored the orders to quit and in several places their supporters barricaded the town halls.

The advertisement, headed "An appeal to President Corazon Aquino," said: "Election not selection, the free ballot, not the boot of one man, suffrage, not this outrage. This sums up our appeal to the better angels of your nature, Madame President."

On Tuesday, Aquino abolished the National Assembly, tore up the Marcos constitution imposed in 1973, and gave herself sweeping powers to rule by decree.

Her aides said she needed the powers to rid the Philippines of the vestiges of the 20-year Marcos regime and "cut out the cancer" in the country's political system.

Meanwhile, ousted Marcos has been served with a subpoena to give evidence in connection with the 1981 murders of two anti-Marcos trade union activists in the U.S.

The subpoena was given to U.S. Secret Service agents guarding Marcos at a private home in Hawaii.

A lawsuit filed by the committee in 1982 alleges that Marcos and his former armed forces chief of staff, Gen. Fabian Ver, were responsible for the killings of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, two Philippine-Americans who were murdered in Seattle in June 1981. (Reuters, AFP)

U.S. has 60 million files in new entry-screening system

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP). — U.S. Immigration officials on Wednesday unveiled a new tool to help keep terrorists, drug smugglers and other undesirables from entering the U.S.: a computer system that gives front-line officers access to nearly 60 million constantly revised files.

The system will replace a cumbersome book used at ports of entry that names 40,000 inadmissible aliens or people wanted by law enforcement agencies.

The first terminals of the National Automated Immigration Lookout System, or Nails, went on line at Newark International Airport on Wednesday.

James Puleo, deputy Immigration and Naturalization Service director from New Jersey, said terminals should be installed by October at major points of entry — airports, border crossings and sea ports.

The computers store information on the 40,000 undesirable aliens now listed in the service lookout book. The system will also let Nails users look at data on 28 million foreigners who have visited the U.S., 23 million resident aliens and 500,000 foreign students.

In addition, Nails has the ability to determine whether a passport or an immigration stamp presented to a screening officer has been stolen.

Rightist in surprise win in Illinois

WASHINGTON (AP). — A spokesman for political extremist Lyndon Larouche on Wednesday said "wild and lying denunciations" have pushed Larouche to the front of the race for the next Democratic Party presidential bid.

Warren Hamerman, chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, Larouche's political organization, said former U.S. Senator Adlai Stevenson III's condemnations and the success of Larouche

candidates in last week's Illinois state primary election had established Larouche as "the front-runner for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination."

Two Larouche followers stunned Democratic Party regulars by capturing the party's nominations for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State on the ticket with Stevenson, a candidate for governor.

Stevenson promptly called Larouche's candidates "adherents to an extremist philosophy steeped in violence and bigotry" and described their movement as neo-Nazi.

Papandreou has 'fruitful exchange' with Shultz

ATHENS (AFP). — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said yesterday his talks with visiting U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz had been "fruitful" and expressed satisfaction over Shultz's visit, which began amid anti-U.S. protests.

Papandreou said that he believed the visit constituted "a big step forward" in developing U.S.-Greek relations.

No official word was immediately available on the contents of their talks, the last Shultz was scheduled to hold with Greek officials in the three-day visit which ends today.

They were assumed to have covered U.S. bases here, whose lease expires in 1988. The U.S. wanted to know if Greece would seek their closure, as Papandreou has hinted on previous occasions.

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — The future of video text, or electronic newspapers, looks uncertain at best in the U.S. after the decision by two of the biggest newspaper chains to drop their experiments in the field.

Times Mirror Company and Knight-Ridder — two videotext pioneers — both announced this month they are pulling out due to a lack of subscribers. A reassessment of the industry now seems imminent, analysts said.

Five years ago, some media observers predicted the printed page eventually would give way to "electronic newspapers," home delivery of news and information on computer or television screens.

But, Knight-Ridder president James Batten said, "It is now clear that videotext is not likely to be a

threat to either newspaper advertising or readership in the foreseeable future."

Neither company saw enough income from the videotext projects to justify their existence. Analysts on Wall Street said Times Mirror sank more than \$15 million into its Gateway Videotext subsidiary, while Knight-Ridder had put some \$50m. into its Viewtron service. The shut-downs would have minimal impacts on the companies' finances, they added.

Knight-Ridder started Viewtron in October 1983 by asking prospective customers to buy a \$600 American Telephone and Telegraph Sceptre terminal, which consisted of a keypad and cable TV-type box, to hook up to the phone and television. It tried leasing the Sceptre termi-

als to customers, with little success. It then tried making the service available via a \$10 disc to those having the right personal computer.

At the end, Knight-Ridder's system had 20,000 subscribers, while Times Mirror's had 3,000.

Knight-Ridder and Times Mirror shared a fundamental fault in trying to offer too wide-ranging a service to too many people who did not really need it, analysts said. The high prices charged were also a barrier to sales.

Viewtron and Gateway offered a wide range of services, news retrieval, electronic mail, banking, shopping and ticket-purchasing. But old habits are hard to break, and users found little cause to change the ways they had done things before.

"The American public is not yet ready to pay for information off a screen," said Batten. "It's a matter of habit. You could order flowers from the system, but people would still pick up the phone."

"You're asking for a great leap of faith when you ask people to buy information on line for \$30 or \$40 that they can get from a newspaper for 25 cents," said Gary Arlen, editor of International Videotext Tele-Text News, based in Washington.

Also, using the television set for information retrieval clashed with regular television viewing, he said. New direction, however, could come from three major research projects under way in the information retrieval field. These involve a number of major banking, computer, and communications companies, analysts said.

Trintex, for instance, is a joint venture of International Business Machines (IBM), CBS and Sears Roebuck, and is expected to start in late 1987 or early 1988.

They said that advances in computer graphics may make the next generation of home information systems more attractive, while targeted services on such topics as agriculture and health care might find a market.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

French jet crashes in Central African Republic

BANGUI (Reuters). — A French Jaguar fighter aircraft crashed in Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic, yesterday killing at least 20 people, police sources said.

The fighter, which was on a training flight, had mechanical trouble before crashing on an Islamic school in a heavily populated area.

The aircraft was part of France's large military presence in the Central African Republic which neighbours war-torn Chad.

First cruise missile to arrive in W. Germany

BONN (AP). — The first group of a total of 96 nuclear-tipped cruise missiles to be deployed in West Germany will be installed and operational within the next few days, a defence ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He declined to say how many missiles will be in the first operational unit, or whether all or parts of the Nato missiles were already at the deployment site at Hasselbach, about 150 kilometres west of Frankfurt.

Defence Minister Manfred Wornert told the Bundestag on January 16 that all 96 of the cruise missiles to be deployed in West Germany will be stationed at the site by the end of 1987.

Second Indian transport plane crashes

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — India lost a second Soviet-built transport plane in a week when a brand new AN-32 crashed into the sea on its way to join the Indian Air Force, an Air Force official said yesterday.

Navy ships were searching for the plane which went down in the Arabian sea on Tuesday 400 kilometres off the Indian coast after a stopover in Muscat on its way from the Soviet Union.

Helicopters are still searching for another AN-32 which went missing in bad weather on Saturday with three crew and 20 passengers on a flight over the mountainous northern state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dutch MP poses for sexy pictures in parliament

THE HAGUE (AFP). — Dutch MP Arnold Cevaai has shocked his Liberal Party colleagues by posing for an erotic magazine with his girlfriend, secretary to another Liberal MP.

In the Dutch April edition of *Playboy* the couple showed just how liberal their views were by being photographed naked in a hotel room and clothed in the Dutch parliament.

One of the parliament pictures shows Cevaai's hand on his girlfriend's private parts, while a split skirt reveals other curves. In another, she is shown bending with undisguised interest over the MP, who is sitting in a row of seats.

SPORTS

SOCCER PREVIEW

Three teams battle at the top

By YARON KENAN

David Schweitzer, the burly Hapoel Tel Aviv coach, isn't exactly known for his candour. If he were, he would have to admit that his team should really not be topping the National League table, even though they have not won now for the past four weeks.

His men have the chance to make amends and keep their two point lead at the top by getting back into form in style against possibly the weakest outfit in the league — Hapoel Haifa, who are the visitors at Bloomfield as part of a full programme tomorrow afternoon.

Peter Lorimer has hardly had his way strewn with roses since he arrived here three months ago in a bid to extricate the second Haifa team from their doldrums. His desire to play has been held up brutally by the Interior Ministry and his first venture into the coaching realm has hardly been a raging success.

There has also been a jarring note coming from the Tel Aviv camp with several players declaring openly "if we can't beat this Haifa side then maybe we do not deserve the title". That is the kind of taunt that is apt to make the worst side play wonderfully, and it has surely beefed up the aimable Scot's dressing-room pep talk that they in fact have little to lose, while the Tel Avivians are under great pressure.

At least one thorn won't be cutting into Lorimer's side — Moshe Sinai, very much the leaders' most talented player, will be on the bench again, as a disciplinary court handed him a four game suspension after he had accumulated a fistful of yellow cards. While Hapoel Haifa seek to redress their image, the league champions Maccabi Haifa are also at home in what must be reckoned the choice fixture of the round. While Haifa's munificent talent has been dulled for some mysterious reason recently, Shimshon have pulled themselves up to the top reaches of the table with seven wins in their last eight outings. They can now afford to play open football, and Kiryat Eliezer is the obvious place to be for fans searching for a goalfest.

Another attractive match-up in

the offing, although it doesn't count for much in terms of the title race or relegation issues, is that between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Petah Tikva at the National Stadium. They shared eight goals in a wonderful draw in the comparable fixture in December, and there is good reason to imagine that this one will be just as enthralling, especially if the Tel Avivians want to keep alive their slender hopes of sneaking in to the title should the top three all continue to falter.

Until last weekend, Betar Jerusalem were among the chief culprits in allowing Hapoel Tel Aviv to get away with their persistent stumbles. They did scrape a victory on Saturday over their city neighbours, and now they travel to Yavne for a very difficult game. A strange new mood of quiet confidence is abroad in the capital that, since the pressure is off them, Betar can suddenly perk up and gather the spoils to secure their trophy that has so annoyingly eluded them in the past two seasons. They are at full strength. But though Yavne must still do without the useful Yehuda Zagury (sidelined for disciplinary reasons) playing at home they are never a pushover. This is one game that Betar know they must win to stay in touch with Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa — at present two and four points respectively ahead of them.

The three games involving serious relegation issues could also provide interesting fare with Hapoel Jerusalem in the best position to stop their rot at the expense of Kfar Sava. There should be an inspiring tussle in the Haikva Quarter, where the youthful Jaffa coach Benhur Mizrahi's magnificent run of success is precariously poised for termination. Hapoel Petah Tikva, likewise, should send Sha'arayim deeper into the doldrums.

Full schedule, with all matches kicking off at 3 p.m. tomorrow, with results of first round games indicated in brackets.

1st Round: Hapoel Tel Aviv v Hapoel Haifa — Bloomfield (4-0); Maccabi Tel Aviv v Maccabi Petah Tikva — National Stadium (4-4); Maccabi Haifa v Betar Jerusalem — Yavne (0-3); Hapoel Yavne v Hapoel Kfar Sava (1-1); Hapoel Tel Aviv v Hapoel Haifa — Bloomfield (1-0); Maccabi Haifa v Kiryat Eliezer (4-1); Hapoel Beersheva v Maccabi Netanya — Beersheva (1-4).

France, without Platini, down Argentina

LONDON (AP). — France discovered they can win without Michel Platini, England ended a six-year Soviet streak and veterans Pat Jennings and Kenny Dalglish reached personal milestones on a night when Europe had a foretaste of this summer's World Cup soccer finals.

Ten Mexico-bound countries were in action in World Cup warm-up friendly games, with France beating 1978 titlist Argentina 2-0 in Paris, holder Italy edging non-qualifier Austria 2-1 in Udine, England beating the Soviet Union 1-0 in Tbilisi, Northern Ireland and Denmark sharing a 1-1 draw in Belfast, Spain humbling Poland 3-0 in Cadiz, and Scotland trouncing non-qualifier Romania by the same score in Glasgow.

Without the injured Platini — Europe's No. 1 player — France were expected to have to struggle against an Argentine side that included its mercurial Italian-based star, Diego Maradona.

But the chunky Argentinian was kept quiet and upstaged in the Parc Des Princes by French youngsters Jean-Marc Ferreri and Philippe Vermeir, leading scorers for France, who were replaced by long-serving Alain Giresse.

Argentina rarely worried the French goalie, although Maradona escaped once to hit the crossbar in the 20th minute. The only impact made by Claudio Borghi, the visitor's 21-year-old rising star, who is reported to be on his way to Sampdoria in Italy, was on the referee, who sent him off for two unpleasant fouls.

While Platini-less France mastered Maradona, England became

the first visiting side to score in the Soviet Union for more than six years. Chris Waddle ended an 18-game unbeaten Soviet streak by scoring in the second half after the home side's stylish sweeper, Alexander Chivadze, had missed a first half penalty. The last visitors to beat the Soviet Union in a non-Olympic game were West Germany in November, 1979, and since then the home country had scored 43 goals without reply.

As Waddle made soccer history in Tbilisi, Jennings, Northern Ireland's 40-year-old goalkeeper, equalled the world appearance record he holds and in Glasgow, Dalglish became the first Scot to win 100 caps. Jennings' achievement in equalling the 115 caps won by Sweden's Bjorn Norqvist was marred when he was beaten for the first time in seven games by a late header from Denmark's substitute, Flemming Christensen.

Dalglish was presented with a silver and gold cup by another of the 100-plus club, West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer. "Kaiser Franz" was not in Glasgow for a prize-giving role, but to spy on Germany's World Cup opponents Scotland, who swept the Romantics aside with goals by Gordon Strachan, Richard Gough and Roy Aitken.

Alexander Alkhalaf, who scored one of Italy's goals in the 1982 final against West Germany, led his team's fightback against Austria, after Anton Polster had given the visitors an early lead. The internationalist striker bagged the leveler soon after half time and Antonio Di Gennaro lifted the gloom by scoring a second for the reigning champions with 13 minutes to go.

In Cadiz, Spain carved out a 3-0 lead by the 48th minute against the Poles, who relied heavily on their Italy-based star Zbigniew Boniek. Goals by Miguel Garcia, Ramon Calderin and Julio Salinas kept the Spaniards firmly in control.

In a match involving two non-qualifiers, Wales edged the Irish Republic 1-0 in Dublin, but lost out in Glasgow, Neville Southall, with a badly dislocated ankle, Southern player for English champions and current standings leader Everton, and the injury, thought at first to be a fracture, will rule him out for the rest of the season.

Strong overseas juniors to play at Bat Yam

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Tennis Association's crowded 1986 season moves into top gear next week, when the third annual International Tennis Federation Junior World Ranking Circuit tournament will be played off at Bat Yam Municipality's Country Club courts. Thirteen youngsters from abroad are taking part in the 18-and-under tournament, which opens at 9 a.m. tomorrow with the start of a two-day qualifying competition in singles.

Heading the seedings in the 32-strong boys' main singles draw is Switzerland's Rolf Herzberg, currently second in the ITF's world junior rankings. Following him is Israel's rising star Raviv Weidenfeld. Top seeds in the 16-draw girls' event are local rackets Dalia Coriat

and Hagit Ohayon.

Thirty-two boys and 16 girls — all home players — are participating in the week-end's qualifying tournament — with the four semi-finalists in each competition going through to the main draw starting on Monday.

SCOREBOARD

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FEATURES

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

Young hope...

ASHER WALLFISH

IN THE relatively grey firmament of the Labour Party's up-and-coming generation, 35-year-old Haim Ramon is quite a luminary.

Although Ramon is the baby of the house in biological age, he often speaks more sense than Knesset Members twice his age, and he does not trade on his youth. In parliamentary life, as well as inside Labour, he is busy looking for a new image, where achievement will shape a party base for him and assure his political future.

Born in Jaffa in 1950, married, without children, lawyer Ramon shakes his head in puzzlement when asked whether he could pinpoint anything in his heredity, environment, or personality development, to explain why he took up that controversial and oft-maligned pursuit: politics.

"It started in high school. I just got interested in politics. Some youngsters pick a hobby like electronics, or chess, or chemistry. I picked politics. I liked it," he said with incontrovertible ingenuity.

"Nobody in the family, as far as I know, was ever involved in politics before me. I and my family didn't mix with politicians. I don't recall any traumatic experience which drove me towards politics. None of my family and friends tried to encourage me or to discourage me, either," Ramon told me in his small, floor-cluttered office on the ground floor of the Knesset.

In this respect, the only comment he made about the driving force which impelled him to seek political power was: "Since I was a child I always got what I wanted. In this case, what I wanted was politics."

IN THE party and the Alignment Knesset faction, his colleagues say that Ramon "does not respect sacred cows."

In the case of Hevrat Ovdim the Histadrut holding corporation, Ramon has been annoying Histadrut leaders lately, telling them the Histadrut had no right to demand rubber-stamp support in the party for Hevrat Ovdim enterprises, if it refused to allow inspection, plus involvement in day-to-day decisions, by elected party bodies in those enterprises.

There is general agreement in the party that Ramon is promising cabinet material, and will get a portfolio one day.

As one of his colleagues in the



MK Haim Ramon ... a ready handshake.

(Andre Bruttman)

Knesset told me: "Ramon manages to move ahead all the time but without creating the impression of a 'pusher.' After the 1984 elections, when we had to elect the Alignment faction secretary, many wanted to nominate Ramon and he could have put up a good showing. He made a mental note of this indication of popularity, but preferred to leave it an uncontested election for Rafi Edri instead. This merely increased his popularity."

The colleague said: "Eamon is as chap who can express firm, even unconventional opinions in the party, without couching them in a style which gets people's backs up."

He continued: "A former bright young man in the Alignment, Yossi Sarid, who since moved to the Citizens Rights Movement, had a career comparable in some ways to that of Ramon, but somehow Sarid used to rub people the wrong way, unlike Ramon. Ramon avoids sarcasm and personal reflections. He can have an argument about ideology without seeming to be subjective."

DURING HIS school years, Ramon did not join any youth movement. After completing his military service, as a lieutenant (segen) in the air force, he took a law degree at Tel Aviv University. He became active in the Labour Party students organization there, and was elected chairman of the TAU students council. While still studying, he took a full-time job as secretary of the Labour Party's "Young Guard."

Ramon rejected my suggestion that he was a party hack who knew no other way of earning a living. "I got my law degree, I got my licence to practise law after doing my professional apprenticeship. I took a partnership in a law office with a team of lawyer-friends. I'm still in that partnership and occasionally I work on a brief to keep my hand in. If I didn't stay in politics, I'd be inside that law office, making an excellent livelihood," he said.

In 50th place on the Alignment's 1981 Knesset list, Ramon failed to be elected. Put when Chaim Herzog was elected president, Ramon took Herzog's Knesset seat as the next man on the list.

In the 1984 Knesset list, he had moved up to the safe 35th place.

When I pestered Ramon to explain what he believed was the clue to his advancement, he said: "First of all luck, that Herzog became President, whereupon I got into the Knesset in mid-term, and cut my teeth, so that I'd proved myself by

the time the 1984 list was being compiled.

"But that wouldn't have helped, had it not been for the 10 long years of keeping my nose to the grindstone, in routine party work, visiting branches from one end of the country to the other, rubbing shoulders with every Tom, Dick and Harry in the 'Young Guard.' It was learning to cope with friction, tackling problems. Believe me it wasn't all plain sailing. Anybody who thinks it is, is far out. You make enemies, you have rivals, colleagues are jealous of you."

"There are people in the party who have a score to settle with me, because they wanted something from me which I didn't or couldn't give them. Some enmities are permanent."

"Then, remember, I have a reputation for not keeping my mouth shut, and it's true. I'm not the type of chap who walks between the raindrops to avoid getting wet. I've even been told that, at times, I go out of my way to draw flak. In any case, to say that a politician has no enemies, is not necessarily a compliment."

HE SAID: "There are no sure-fire recipes for getting ahead in politics. But my advice would be: Never hesitate to say what you believe in. In the long term, it will pay off, though not necessarily in the short run."

Ramon spurns my suggestion that politics is a dirty business.

"It's no dirtier, if you want to use that term, than any sphere in which people struggle to attain power and increase influence. You hear about struggles in major enterprises, even inside the IDF, which are far less elegant than those in the political world."

"Take the universities. Probe some of the power struggles in the faculties. The professors keep those struggles hidden. And the public is not interested in looking at power struggles inside universities. It prefers to enjoy the ceremonies, symbols and garlands of academic pursuit."

"But in politics, people are biased about the symbols and ceremonies. They want to know every gory detail about the climb up the greasy pole. In politics, the public likes to feel it is right there in the kitchen, peering into the steaming cauldron. In so many other spheres, the public doesn't want to know what's going on behind the grimy partition. It's very happy to admire the elegant salon out front, and not ask questions."

...plays to win

ROBERT ROSENBERG

HAIM RAMON gave up his weekly basketball game to play on a rougher court this week.

Barely three weeks before the Labour Party convention, Ramon was playing a prominent role on three separate fronts - inside the party, the coalition and the Knesset. He'll have won some and lost some before the convention begins, but for a machine politician as young and as talented as Ramon, the value of his activities, beyond the public service, is the intrinsic meaning to be found in prominence itself.

Last week he closed the bourse - actually it was the prime minister with his non-denial of a Ramon statement, who closed the bourse - and this week he led Labour's socialist attack on the budget. Ramon's animosity toward Likud MK Eli Kulashnikov over his law degree, was also politically useful this week, for it turned the 36-year-old Labour MK into one of the personalities the media would quote as it looked into Kulashnikov's background. And he challenged the foreign policy establishment of the party, trying to tone down what he saw as excessively hawkish elements in the proposed party platform.

It was easy this week to see the MK juggling these various fights - or games - at a meeting of the party's central committee at Tel Aviv's Ohel Shem auditorium.

He was dressed in jeans and a blue shirt of indeterminate style, sneakers and a ready handshake for anybody passing or approaching.

It was what he's been doing for the last 10 years. Each step of the way, from student politician to Young Guard chairman to convention delegate and central committee member, all the way to the Knesset, has, he admits, created a new constituency for him.

Ramon behaves like a kingmaker on his way up. He knows the names of the wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, and probably mistresses of almost everybody who approaches him at Ohel Shem. He asks about their children and their pet projects, asks small favours of them so they can ask big favours of him. It's politics.

But he is still far from being a kingmaker. He's a machine man, for sure, but so far all he has is one job to give away. As chairman of an Education Ministry-affiliated public agency called the Student Exchange, Ramon has only one job to offer, the director generalship of the agency. It has its benefits - trips abroad, and an office just off Dizengoff Square, with a secretary. He gossips with his candidate, a 35-year-old woman from the party branch in Haifa. Ramon owes her a favour. He once asked her to withdraw her candidacy for the secretaryship of the party's Young Guard. It had something to do with a favour Ramon owed another candidate. In some circles, Ramon's offer of the job to the woman will be big news.

So Ramon skipped the basketball game he usually plays every Sunday night at a Ramat Hasharon court, to practise his profession - politics. He challenged the most senior of the party's foreign policy-makers, by demanding that a platform clause calling for Israeli sovereignty, at the end of negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians, over various sections of the territories be dropped. His proposal for discarding the entire clause, didn't pass. But he did at least get the party leadership to drop southern Gaza as one of the areas that the Labour Party wants to see as under Israeli sovereignty.

It wasn't the whole game. But it was something, and of such small but steady victories, are politicians made.

LIBERAL Knesset member Pinhas Goldstein believes that politicians are not born, but made, or rather self-made, in the sense that they have to prove their aptitude in spheres outside of politics, before they can enter the political fray with some prospect of advancement.

Goldstein, 47, who lives in Kfar Sava and lists himself in the Knesset handbook as a company director, got his secondary education at the military academy attached to the Reali High School in Haifa, and completed his military service as a lieutenant in the Armoured Corps.

He belongs to the "Integral Land of Israel" wing of the Liberal Party, but he looks nothing like a hard-nosed hawk. With his amiable smile, Goldstein gives the impression that it would be easy, in the political jungle, to elbow him aside and trample him underfoot. Despite that, he is in the Knesset for the second time running, and he has every prospect of a continued parliamentary career.

"Timing was on my side and timing is important," he says. "Immediately on leaving the Israel Defence Forces, I joined the Liberal Party just as it was being formed by the union of the General Zionists and the Progressives. Yitzhak Moda'i joined at the same moment. We have been close together ever since. 'Straightaway I was offered the post of national secretary of the Liberal Youth. I held it full-time for 18 months, till I realized that to get ahead in a party, it's best not to be a salaried official, but rather to prove you can stand on your own feet.'"

At Tel Aviv University, where he took a law degree, he founded the student union of Gahal, as the Likud's precursor was called. "Israeli universities are a first-rate hotbed for acquiring political patterns of behaviour," Goldstein says.

"That's where I began collecting expertise. I learnt how to handle the press and how to handle people. The fact that I was elected controller of the Israel Students Association shows I was respected."

Goldstein says that apart from the ideological identification factor, advancement up the rungs of the party ladder depends on human relations. "You have to know how to work with individuals and how to work with groups. You have to understand what makes people tick. And of course you need friends."

(During the upheaval within the Liberal Party which altered it from a mainly dovish body to a mainly hawkish one, Goldstein hunted with the hawks and drove the doves out one by one. As for friendships, few got closer than Goldstein to Yitzhak Moda'i, the rising star in the party's (armament) wing.)

RECALLING that he once wrote an article in the defunct Liberal daily paper *Haboker* entitled "Ideology and Jobology," Goldstein says his theme was that a politician's principles fall into two categories: the small number of major principles, which can never be waived, and the larger number of minor principles, which are dispensable when it comes to jobs (or seats, *kis'ot*, as they are called in Israeli political slang).

Wasn't Goldstein giving the Liberal Party a bad name, where principles and comradeship are concerned? "Over the years I saw many cases in the party where every principle was swept away and comradeship meant nothing," he admitted. "But I also found that if a politician lets his colleagues down even once, he has to pay for it in the long run."

"We were a tight team alongside Moda'i," Goldstein recalls. "We got results. We had Benny Shalit, Pessah Grupper, the late David Shifman and former MK Yitzhak Perah from the start. Time and again we were approached singly and on the quiet with tempting offers from other wings of the Liberals. But loyalty came first."

(For Goldstein, undoubtedly, it paid off to ride on Moda'i's coattails. He was always placed in the top half of the Liberal names in the Likud election list.)

Waxing increasingly enthusiastic, Goldstein confides: "Today all Liberals are Moda'i Liberals. Which explains why the Liberal wing of the Likud as a whole has grown more and more united over the past few

Self-made man



MK Pinhas Goldstein

ASHER WALLFISH

months, especially as less and less grumbling is heard in our ranks about the economic reform programme." (A hint in the direction of Minister without Portfolio Gideon Patt, a Liberal who has been personally, professionally and politically critical of Moda'i.)

Goldstein, who waited 20 years from the time he joined the party to get into the Knesset, also shows the other side of the coin. "The more personal rivalry you encounter, the harder it is to get ahead in the party. The more friction you generate in your day-to-day political work, the more obstacles are put in your way."

Affording insight into the process of selection and election, he stresses that while membership of a close-knit trustworthy group is the first essential principle, it cannot be enough inside the Liberal Party.

"It's a complex process. Group A, let's call it, has to work out a deal with Group B. A deal on behalf of the entire group, but also on behalf of every one of its individual members. Remember that the Knesset lists are chosen by secret ballot. You

give commitments and you get commitments and it sounds as though you're working in the dark. You may even be worried about the trustworthiness of your own group leader. So you always carry out your parallel negotiation, one on one."

With his cherubic expression and his benign tone, Goldstein has no grumbles. He says contentedly: "Colleagues with whom I negotiated deals always kept their word to me. The Moda'i group in the Liberal Party came out on top, because it kept its word more than other groups; in fact always, and so it made successful deals."

You can't cheat more than once inside the party, a politician's credibility is of paramount importance. Once damaged, it takes a long, long time to repair."

Goldstein is eminently satisfied with the all-choose-all system for making up the Knesset electoral list, which most parties apart from the Liberals and Herut do not follow. "It's the essence of democracy. No appointments committee. No arrangements committee. It's the finest way."

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PEOPLE IN POLITICS

Herut hang-over



Michael Ratzon... 'I was in shock'

WHILE HERUT leaders are shaking hands and making conciliatory noises at each other, activists at the grass roots level are licking their wounds from the recent party convention.

Still dazed from the fiasco at the convention they had slaved day and night to prepare, activists throughout the country are taking stock of where the party is heading and re-evaluating their leaders. Their conclusions are far from complimentary.

"We're just not civilized enough to decide things democratically at a party convention," concluded party activist Shmuel Mahanai, head of Betar's Nahal department.

Mahanai, like many other activists, believes the Herut Party is rushing headlong towards disaster: the party split into two political camps. "Until the rotation, things will probably calm down, but only outwardly. Soon the explosion will come, stronger than what we've seen so far. The party will break apart."

Describing himself as no politician, Mahanai grew up in Betar's ranks and continues to devote his life to the youth movement. "Perhaps I'm not objective. But Herut's foundations are in Betar. Now 90 per cent of David Levy's supporters don't even know the Betar anthem. The conclusions are obvious," he says.

The root of evil in Herut, in Mahanai's opinion, is the ethnic power struggle. Party members from the Oriental communities will soon constitute a majority; they already believe they can replace the old party leadership. But they lack the ideological substance to lead the party, he says.

A Shamir supporter himself, Mahanai dismisses Ariel Sharon as a threat to the party. "Sharon represents a marginal group, which will join any winning side. His alliance with Levy is temporary, as a means to

MICHAEL RATZON

gain power and time. In reality, he only represents 10 per cent or less of the voters especially now, after the war in Lebanon. But he's clever. Like a cat, he knows how to land on his feet," Mahanai said.

As for the convention, Mahanai thinks that what happened there was a disgrace to the party. He cannot forgive Gaston Malka - the Petah Tikva activist who jumped onto the podium and upset tables and microphones - "but there were a thousand Gaston Malkas who just didn't reach the stage. I know there was no intention to blow up the convention. But what happened shows what kind of culture we have. We thought we were democratic enough to determine things at the convention. Apparently we haven't reached that stage yet. We are not yet ready to listen to one another."

ACTIVISTS on both sides admit that the situation in the branches - indicating a power increase to the Levy camp - does not reflect the real power balance in the party. They explain that "taking over" a branch is no problem to anyone who has the organizational means at his disposal. Any activist can sign as many people as he likes on party membership forms, pay their membership fees and get them to the branch on voting day - thus obtaining a majority in any given branch. On a nationwide scale, this can create a technical majority for a certain camp, without reflecting the real state of affairs.

Activists recall that during the convention many "delegates" were really not activists at all, but were elected by such a method. In other cases, secretaries and clerks were added to lists to augment certain persons' supporters. These activists point an accusing finger at Knesset Member Micha Reiser, a Levy

henchman, who, as head of the party's organization department, can muster the means for such operations.

Betar is theoretically an independent section in Herut and most of its officials are reluctant to side with either of the party's warring factions. But talking to people in Betar's offices - located in Beit Jabotinsky - one reads their support of the old guard and Jabotinsky's values between the lines.

GERSHON STAV, head of Betar's World Leadership Anglo-Saxon desk, is still stunned by what he witnessed at the convention. "I'm dazed and frustrated. I walked out of that convention with the awful feeling that the home in which I was raised, is collapsing about me. All the excuses one hears are irrelevant. Something terrible has happened to my movement and only far-reaching conclusions can save it," Stav says.

Immigrating from Libya at the age of four in 1948, Stav joined the Betar ranks as a youth and has remained there ever since. Twice he was sent abroad - once to Canada and once to the United States - as an aliyah emissary for Betar and the Jewish Agency.

Today, head of Herut's branch in Asseret (near Geder), Stav rejects the notion that ethnic polarity is at the heart of Herut's troubles. On the contrary, he says, Herut is one party in which ethnic divisions or discrimination never played a part.

"Never have I felt the ethnic factor as significant in any way. This problem does not exist with us. Our party has always been open to youths of every origin and creed; issues were always decided on the basis of relevant considerations."

The real problem, according to Stav, which the convention exposed, is Herut's neglect of education in the values and ideology of Betar.

Betar, for instance, strongly rejects Kahanism in any form as part of the movement ideology, but this finds no expression in the party, he complains. Other values and ideals are also lost in the party. "I hope that Herut's leaders will now wise up and realize, however painful it may be, that only education in values can raise a generation of voters who will be loyal to the party idea. Party members today - do they even know who Jabotinsky was? They know who Begin was, perhaps, but that's as far as it goes. And we saw the results in their behaviour at the convention," he says.

MICHAEL RATZON, an activist in Herut's Petah Tikva branch and chairman of the party's young guard, diagnoses the disease in the party as a result of the power struggle between the older and younger generations.

While he believes the younger activists will take over eventually, he opposes the upheaval caused by Levy's supporters in the convention and in the branches. "Pushing the veteran leaders aside en masse is unfair. Every house needs its foundations; the founders have their rights and the younger generation must gradually merge with the older leadership," says Ratzon.

Ratzon, whose ancestors came from Yemen, denounces Levy's attempt to create the impression that members of the Oriental communities - or the young ones - support him and Sharon. Ratzon believes that this is a crude mistake which will boomerang back to damage Levy's chances.

A lot of anger and bitterness have been fermenting in Herut during the many years in which the party failed to have a convention, he says. Many new party members found their way to key positions blocked by the old guard; the party began attracting masses after 1977, people who did not know Jabotinsky.

The explosion at the convention was therefore to be expected. "I wasn't surprised, in a way, but even so I was in shock. No one can explain what happened. It's easy to incite people by playing on the lowest common denominator - the ethnic factor."

Ratzon says that before the convention, a prolonged campaign of incitement and pressure was carried out by certain Herut leaders. "When you divide people up into 'them' and 'us' and create a personality cult of 'king of Israel,' then at a convention of thousands of people you're bound to get an explosion," he continues.

Gaston Malka, who emerged as the convention's rogue, is really a nice but spineless guy, Ratzon says. Malka, who is a member of the Petah Tikva branch, was incited by a friend of his, also a branch member, to do what he did at the convention, he notes.

"I, too, once saw in David Levy a leader of tremendous potential, and I still think he's an asset to the party. But today, I doubt his ability to lead a whole party rather than one faction, as a result of the ethnic issue."

The future, according to Ratzon, is in biology. The veterans will eventually have no choice but to make way for the younger ones. Already many younger generation Herutniks hold key positions - including Reiser, Ronnie Milo, David Magen and others - and they will increase in numbers as time goes on. But this process should happen slowly and naturally, without creating tension, he concludes.

Gate-crashers



MICHAEL RATZON

THE INVITATION to the traditional Purim ball of Bat Yam's Herut Party branch promised Housing and Construction Minister David Levy a belly dancer, entertainer Yossi Barak, singer Shlomi Assaf, "Israeli Elvis Presley" Ya'acov Tuvi and a festive dinner.

No parking was available for miles around Ulamei Ron at the centre of town. Underground, at the entrance to the hall, a crowd of people pushed and clamoured to get in through the narrow doorway, but two hefty guards barred off anyone without an invitation. Hundreds of Herut activists decided to come at the last moment, when word was spread that David Levy was going to address the party. Many tried to bluster past the guards saying "My ticket is inside," or "I was invited by Micha Reiser," but the guards had heard it all before and weren't having any of it.

Just inside the doorway, two young women with palettes of war paint dabbed goo at the faces of all who entered. Inside, the hall was hot and crowded with some 1,000 Purim revellers, hardly any of them in Purim costumes. Here and there a man sported a baby's costume, or a woman Yemenite dress. A band played deafening tunes from the stage.

AT ABOUT 9:30 David Levy, freshly coiffed and blow-dried, ascended to the stage. "Isn't he good looking?" mused a woman at my table. "Good looking? Him? You must be crazy," another woman replied. Two girls rushed to Levy and gave him a huge bouquet of flowers.

"I have left my home in Beit She'an on this evening," began Levy, "an evening when a man should be at home, celebrating with his children. But no one can refuse

such an invitation, which came from the mouths and hearts of devoted friends... "We have undergone a hard convention... but there was one very basic thing about it, which is gradually sinking in..." Levy's voice rose to a roar. "That we have a great movement with deep roots in the people! That it is getting bigger every day! That it must be different from any other party! That it doesn't have barriers and is open to all! That it's dynamic, an expression of the people!"

Levy, now warmed up, turns to attack the Labour party. "In the Labour Party, everything works like a snap, like Lego!" (Did you hear that? He's heard about Lego," my table buzzes with glee.)

Because everything is pre-planned," Levy continues. "There is someone sitting at the top who puts everything in order and no one opens his mouth to protest. That's how it was in the Labour Party in days gone by, that's how it is today..."

"But the forces in Herut will progress and rise and we shall emerge united, strong... I want to tell my friends in the Bat Yam branch, as far as I'm concerned, you're the salt of the earth and any food is tasteless without you!" Applause. "Yes, to all those who attack us and criticize us, I say we shall emerge united and victorious..." Louder applause.

"Write: 'We shall emerge vanquished,'" dictates the woman next to me. By that point, I was full of amazement at the strange sense of humour displayed by my table.

Could they be drunk, or arrived at the wrong hall by mistake?

"We are from the other camp,"

my neighbour replied, when asked for an explanation. Other camp? Shamir? Sharon? "No dear, the other camp, the Labour Party."

But what are you doing here. I asked, aghast at what might happen should the group - and myself among them - be exposed. "Listen," my neighbour explained. "A ticket cost NIS 50 per couple. A neighbour asked if I wanted to buy some. It's not bad for a meal with champagne and steak. We brought tons of friends, none of whom have anything to do with Herut. Why, for NIS 50, you might even find a Liberal here!"

The champagne arrives and as we raise our glasses ("To Peres," shouts the woman at my table, and gets her husband's elbow in her ribs), Emilio the contractor gets on the stage to speak.

All Bat Yam's rich contractors are Herut supporters. In money and everything else, my new friends offer as explanation. The gangsters too.

Emilio says: "I wanted to inform all those present that the decoration in the hall were actually intended for another ball, so please don't touch them." Everyone drinks leheim. More champagne.

ON THE STAGE, a singer dressed as a woman chants in a deep male voice songs of another, lost generation.

"Nostalgia is passe," states a learned man at our table. "There's no real nostalgia any more. Parties and politics are a matter of business, that's all. That's why they sing these old songs at gatherings. Because there's no real ideals or values any more."

I rise to leave. "Oh, you can't go yet! There's steak," protests my table.

Man of the people

ROY ISACOWITZ

JESSE COHEN, in Holon, is a drab and depressing neighbourhood of narrow, dirty streets, ugly tenements with peeling paint and small houses piled incestuously close together. It is what is known in sociological jargon as a disadvantaged neighbourhood - the sort of place which politicians visit when they want to demonstrate a social conscience.

If much of the political analysis spawned by the recent Herut convention is to be believed, Jesse Cohen is a cinch for Herut territory. In terms of Israel's ethnic divide, it slots firmly into the "Sephardi and underprivileged" category. Few areas in Israel could be less in keeping with the liberal-bourgeois image of the Labour Party.

Yet surprisingly, Jesse Cohen is a Labour stronghold. In the 1981 Knesset elections, Labour pulled in only 17 per cent of the Jesse Cohen vote; by 1984, that figure had rocketed to 64 per cent, and all indications are that Labour support is still growing. Today Jesse Cohen has one of the tightest party structures in the country.

THE LOCALS attribute Labour's astounding success to the efforts of one man: a grocery-store owner named Aaron Nassi. Nassi is part godfather and part populist. One gets the impression that he runs the neighbourhood like an old-time party machine, with the emphasis on personal and ethnic loyalty. But there's no denying his genuine popularity.

"We all vote for him and with all our heart," says one believer. "It's not for the protekzia. It's because he's one of us and gets things done."

Begin, they say, restored lost pride to the country's (loosely defined) Sephardi community. But in Jesse Cohen, that distinction belongs to Aharon Nassi. Several years ago he founded a soccer club, the unusually named Lazarus, of which he is still chairman. Lazarus began its career in the fourth division, today it occupies second place in the third division, and they're hoping it will make it to the second (Artzit) next year. In Jesse Cohen, as in many other places around the country, that is a source of genuine pride.

Nassi is reluctant to detail his activities and achievements; his constituents are less modest, however. They describe him as a human dynamo, active in community centres, synagogues and the local party branch. If only a fraction of the praise they lavish on him is deserved, Nassi is the epitome of a neighbourhood pro, charismatically combining self-advancement with selfless good deeds.

TALL, angular and intense, Nassi

accused him of a variety of sins, including the provision of pre-marked and pre-stamped ballot lists to the voters. Nassi, of course, rejects the charges. It's not his fault, he says, that all the voters want to choose him.

Purists had reason for concern during the elections. The polling booth was in a private home owned by Nassi's parents, and a team of helpers sat at a long table outside, diligently marking the names of Nassi and his followers on the ballot slips. ("Who has the patience, or the time to go through the hundreds of names on the list to find the ones they want," he asks.)

But the purists don't propel soccer clubs from the fourth to the second division, and very few of them increase their support by several hundred per cent in the space of four years. Only in Jesse Cohen is politics played that way. And Aharon Nassi is an accomplished player.

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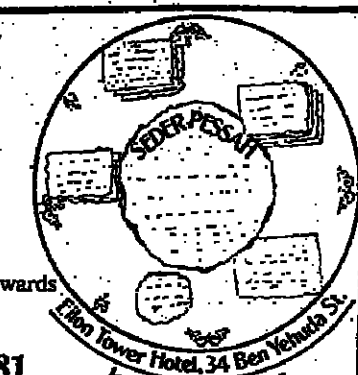
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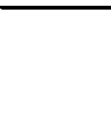
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THINK AND THANK

THREE WORDS were inscribed on the coat-of-arms of Sir Moses Montefiore: "Think and Thank" (it can be seen on the carriage which brought him seven times from England to the Holy Land, now exhibited at the Windmill in Yemin Moshe in Jerusalem). Indeed, thanking requires thinking. To be grateful for benefits received is not necessarily a natural human tendency. Some primitive languages, we are told, have no word for "to thank." And the same, I am afraid, may also be true of some modern and sophisticated people.

The Talmud (Brakhot 7b) states that from the day the world was created there was no one who expressed thanks to the Lord until Leah, the wife of Jacob, said at the birth of her fourth son: "This time will I thank the Lord, therefore she called his name Judah (Yehuda)," which means "God be thanked" (Genesis 29:35). In the course of time, this name was extended to apply to all of the descendants of Jacob who to this day are called Yehudim, or Jews, namely: those who thank God. The perennial question of "Who is a Jew?" may well be answered: One who knows how to give thanks.

In Judaism, expressing gratitude was not considered only as a noble gesture, as in Aesop's writings where "gratitude is a sign of noble souls," but was incorporated in to Jewish law and ritual.

The thanksgiving offering mentioned in this week's portion of the Torah is the first among the peace offerings (Leviticus 7:11-15). While it is basically voluntary it does not depend only on spontaneous displays of noble sentiments. There are events in one's life which require the bringing of such offerings. Rashi, the classic Torah commentator, cites four such events which are mentioned in Psalms 107 (verses 4, 10, 18, 23). They are: (1) traversing the desert; (2) being released from prison; (3) recovering from an illness; and (4) crossing the ocean. The person experiencing any of these events has an obligation to offer thanksgiving to God (verses 8, 15, 21, 31) for his safe deliverance from a perilous situation. Following the cessation of the practice of the sacrificial rites, the rabbis (TB Brakhot 54a) instituted a special blessing of thanksgiving (*ha-gomel*) to be recited upon such occasions in the presence of the congregation. It is customary to do so in the presence of the opened Torah scroll.

Moreover, a blessing was introduced into the *amida* to be recited three times daily, expressing thanks not only for extraordinary happenings, but for the day-to-day miracle of existence (*al nisekha shebekhol yom*) and for the wonders of each

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moment (*v'al niphleotekha shebekhol yom*). To express gratitude, one need not wait for something unusual or supernatural to happen. The ordinary, the everyday in our lives, is also full of wonders and, in the language of Shakespeare, there is "great cause to give great thanks."

In a recent rabbinical *responsum*, there is a discussion on whether the *ha-gomel* blessing of thanksgiving is incumbent upon a person who makes an airplane trip. He may, indeed, fly over seas and deserts, and crossing them would necessitate the blessing, but on the other hand, it has become commonplace as a means of transport. One rabbi siding against making the blessing obligatory, argues that statistically, riding a car, even for a short distance, is much more risky and dangerous than flying in a plane. Hence, his opinion that air travel may be covered by the standard thanksgiving blessing for the "wonders and miracles of every day."

THE SENSE OF gratefulness is ingrained and cultivated in Jewish tradition. It is not limited to expressing gratitude to God only, but also to people. *Hakarat ha-tov*, the acknowledgement of a favour received from another person constitutes a high priority moral duty in interpersonal relationships. Its reverse, *k'fui-tova* is regarded as a gross violation (see Rabbi Dessler, *Mikhtav M'Eliyahu*, vol. 1, p. 46). Such consideration is accorded even to the adversaries of Israel, on account of past hospitality. Likewise, it is forbidden to throw a stone into a well from which one has drunk (TB Baba Kamma, p. 92b).

The midrash (Vayikra Rabba 9: 27) says that in messianic times, all sacrifices will be abolished with the exception of the thanksgiving offering. One can envision a perfect world where there is neither sin nor guilt. But what would the world be like if there was no more gratefulness, for expressing appreciation of kindness shown to us? It would be a joyless world which the boastful ego is inflated with its own self-importance.

Psalm 100 was, according to tradition, sung on the occasion of the thanksgiving offering and is now part of the daily morning service:

Shout unto the Lord all the earth/
Serve the Lord with gladness/
Come before his presence with singing/
Know ye the Lord He is God/It is He that hath made us, and we are His/
His people and the flock of His pasture/
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving/
And into His courts with praise/
Give thanks unto Him and bless His name/
For the Lord is

good; His mercy endureth for ever/
And His faithfulness unto all generations.

It is interesting to note the dual tradition of the reading (*kri*) versus the writing (*kiv*) in the Hebrew: *v'lo asanu*, *v'lo* with both *aleph* and *vav*—meaning "we are His" or that "we did not make ourselves!" Gratefulness springs from the perception and sense of creatureliness that makes us feel dependent on a higher being and indebted to Him. Ingratitude feeds on the illusion that we are self-made, need no one and owe no one our gratitude.

"We are His people and the flock of His pasture." So long as the shepherd can hear the bawling of the sheep, says the hasidic master Reb Nahman of Bratslav, and the sheep can hear his pipe, they are not lost to each other... The ungrateful person turns a deaf ear to the melody of the shepherd's pipe. He is hopelessly lost to the flock.

Some sociologists claim that the crude exterior of the Israeli is actually a cover-up for a genuine mellow interior. This of course, is debatable, but be that as it may, it is sometimes worth more than the saccharin-coated "what can I do for you?" one hears so often in America. Following Jewish tradition, however, one can argue that thanksgiving, just like justice, must also be seen and heard.

GRATITUDE should not be held back until all of our aspirations are fulfilled in one big sweep. To cultivate it, one must learn to be grateful even for partial bounty when it comes our way. When after a long period of drought, fasting and prayer rain comes, one is not to wait for the flood gates to open. The wording of the thanksgiving blessing for rain suggested by Rav Yehuda in the name of Rav (TB Taanith 6b) is: "We thank you, O Lord our God, for each and every drop of rain that you gave us." Gratefulness is expressed even over one drop of divine help or human kindness.

Jewish tradition sees gratitude as an art. As such, it should be expressed not as formal politeness, but, wholeheartedly and candidly. "I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart" (Psalms 111:1); "I will give thanks unto you with sincerity of heart" (*ibid.*, 111:7). That this may not be easy is proven by the text of the thanksgiving blessing in the *amida* which includes a statement not noticeable to most worshippers and all translators: *modim anahnu lakh... al she-anu modim lakh*, "we thank you... for (the ability or the privilege) to thank you" (see TB Sota 40a, and Rashi's beautiful comment.).

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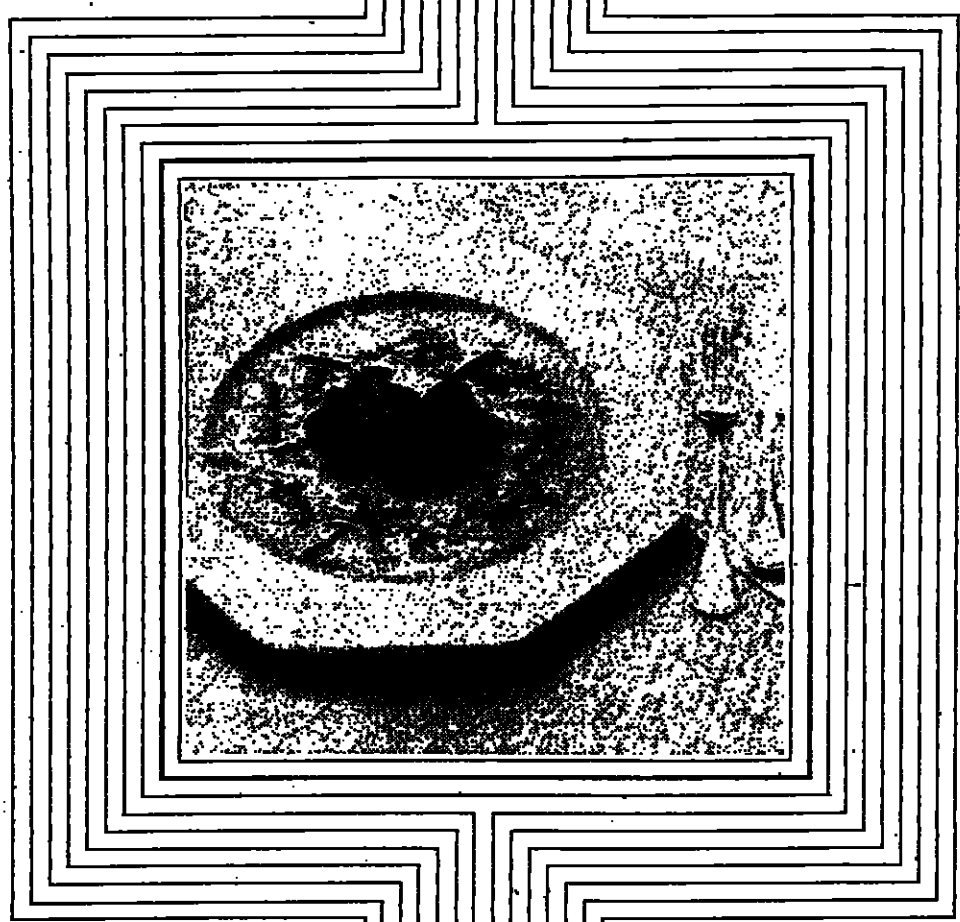


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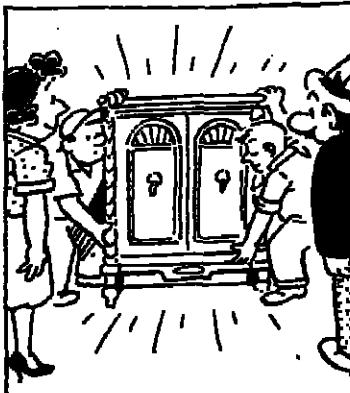
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FEATURES

MAESTRO Zubin Mehta was given a 50th birthday party by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and wife Sonya at their Jerusalem residence. Among the guests were President Chaim Herzog and wife Aura, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and wife Lea, Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and wife Ofra, and our music-loving Industry Minister Ariel Sharon and wife Lily. Mehta kept stressing to everyone how *politically* essential it is for Israel's relations with Poland that he take the Israel Philharmonic with him on his scheduled tour next month.

Mehta has been explaining why it is essential that his timetable be kept even if it entails breaking the IPO's long-standing contract with the Arthur Rubinstein International Music Society, chaired by ex-MK Zalman Shoval, to perform four concerts next month with the finalists of the Fifth Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition.

Navon, a competition patron, first insisted the contract be honoured and then appeared to give way under Mehta's steamroller charm. He and others seem to forget that it's not only the visiting conductor's 50th birthday but Rubinstein's centenary, with many of the music world's great figures coming here to pay homage to the great pianist who did so much for Israel and the IPO.

AMERICAN Broadcasting Corporation television superstar Barbara Walters reportedly plans to film the Polish tour, especially Mehta conducting the IPO in liturgical works at the site of Auschwitz. Mehta has apparently been hurt by the controversy aroused by this planned event, though he may have been recompensed by a promised donation from Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat towards covering the tour's expenses.

Chich has bravely ignored advice that the money should rather go towards settling the street cleaners' strike. After all, what are streets awash with garbage compared to the principles of high culture to which Chich is devoted.

Mehta has the knack of charming into submission the IPO public council, supposedly the orchestra's watch-dog. Their recent decision was to condition the Polish tour on "finding alternative arrangements" for the Rubinstein contest.

Dr. Amnon Goldenberg, past president of the Chamber of Advocates and IPO council member, told me midweek that Mehta assured him that he had the written consent of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (IBA) to replace the IPO.

Mehta took his case to a "summit" attended by his loyal lieutenant IPO secretary Avi Shoshani, the Rubinstein Society's Shoval, Yosef Haimi, Leon Kacmar and director Ya'acov Hershkovsky and the IBA's David Admon and Michael Smolens-Cohen - also chairman of the Rubinstein contest jury.

THE IPO contingent's claim that Peres backs the trip was shot down



Zubin Mehta (André Bruttman)



Lord Weidenfeld

To go or not to go

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by Shoval, who stressed that the premier had not taken any position. The "summit" conclusion put the onus on Mehta & Co. to get Peres to intervene, and make the JSO players agree to drop their demand for \$120,000 instead of the \$80,000 agreed to by the IPO.

I hear that Mehta's bait to the JSO is to waive the IPO veto on their playing at the Mann Auditorium. Goldenberg told me he's always urged the orchestra to allow other ensembles to use the hall.

PURIM CAME early for Orna Kalorinsky, who is quitting the Foreign Ministry's legal department, after confessing she "messed" with the correspondence of Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, via the office computer. She claimed: "It was only a joke."

The seventh anniversary of the signing ceremony of the Camp David peace agreement on the White House south lawn did not evoke any mass rejoicing. One of the few attending the ceremony still in government is Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman. I managed to extract from him the terse comment, "Things could have been worse, should've been better."

I gather that when Premier Peres attended the official reception in Stockholm after the funeral of Olof Palme, he met Ghana President Jerry Rawlings. Rawlings said: "We like Israel. It's in the Bible; so we have no choice." Peres rejoined: "We produced the Bible before the Bible produced us." When Italian Premier Bettino Craxi asked Peres to

discuss the Herut convention, he declined.

I'M TOLD that behind the bid for a rapprochement between Shamir and Deputy Premier David Levy are Herut "princes" like MK Dan Meridor who see in Arik Sharon a greater menace than Levy to their prospects and that of their party.

The latter two off-and-on allies were all smiles at the *brilliant* ceremony of Onen, son of Tel Aviv Betar boss and local Herut chief David Levian at the Gan Oranin restaurant just across the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds from the Congress Hall, where a week earlier their combined cohorts hounded Shamir. Arik was a beaming *sandek*, and the happy papa effused: "How can anyone say Arik likes to see blood spilt? You should've seen him quail when he saw the blood from the circumcision cut."

IN LONDON on a short visit, I heard from Lord Weidenfeld, not only a leading publisher but the most pro-Israeli member of the House of Lords, of plans to celebrate the centenary of David Ben-Gurion in Britain by the prestigious public committee he's agreed to chair.

His reputation for giving the most glamorous dinner parties on either side of the Atlantic is certainly justified. He's famous for bringing together the powerful, the beautiful and the brilliant, as juxtaposed in his sumptuous Chelsea Embassy home.

The guests included two of the greatest living English playwrights - both Jewish - Tom Stoppard, who resembles a healthier looking Oscar Wilde, and Harold Pinter, who, with

a new black moustache and his customary black suit, could pass as a successful stockbroker.

His lovely wife, the celebrated historian Lady Antonia Fraser, was a guest at the Kensington Palace luncheon given by Prince Charles and Princess Diana for Peres on his London visit, as were another prominent couple at the Weidenfeld dinner party, Lord and Lady Annan.

She told me how Peres "got on marvellously" with the royal pair. She said "he appeared suitably impressed by their knowledgeable questions."

THE LAST public appearance of Prince Andrew prior to announcing his engagement was to formally open the photographic exhibition *Impressions of Israel* at Selfridges, where his own book *Photographs* is selling better than that of his uncle, Lord Snowdon: *A First View of Israel*.

Apart from a fine photo of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek chatting with an Old City Arab tailor, Snowdon's view focused mainly on Israeli soldiers, Arab clerics, Christian holy sites and a grotesque Tel Aviv prostitution.

The most haunting picture, to this viewer, was Sir Geoffrey Shakerley's photo of the Beit Hafez Holocaust Memorial Column. While in London I heard of consternation among Anglo-Jewish leaders over the impending appointment of Avraham Natan as economic minister at our embassy there. Herutnik Natan's lack of success as Civil Service Commissioner has apparently brought him the prize of this key link in UK-Israel economic relations.

BETWEEN acting in Shakespeare *Vanessa* (kill-a-Zionist-a-day) Redgrave is trying to get British actors' union Equity to force the BBC and Independent TV to impose a boycott on selling anything to "occupied Palestine."

Duncan Wheldon, Jewish managing director of the Apollo Theatre where she now appears held, "I can't say whether advance news of this silly and offensive move would have affected her contract with us, but I can say it'll do her career and reputation no good."

As usual, *Yediot Aharanot* columnist Mira Avrech's Purim party - with the help of the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel's general manager Peter van der Vliet and his staff - turned out to be the most entertaining in town. This year the theme was "As we were in the '30s and the '40s," with invitations in the form of replicas of British Mandatory immigrant certificates.

The top people and their wives and/or girlfriends plus many diplomats (no names as per Mira's rules) ran the gamut of British immigration, with the Hilton ballroom full of people dressed in khaki shorts, "terrorists," "British army" officers, and "illegal immigrants" clutching cardboard suitcases.

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SHABRAT	BEGINS	ENDS
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Beer	5.34 p.m.	6.33 p.m.
Elad	5.35 p.m.	6.34 p.m.

Tora Portions: Tava

JERUSALEM
YERUSHALAYIM CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE, Friday, Mincha 5.40, Shabbat 8.00, Mincha 12.45, 5.20, Maariv 6.30. HAZAN: ASHER HEINOWITZ.

JERUSALEM GREAT SYNAGOGUE, Friday, Mincha/Maariv 5.45, Shabbat, Shabbat 8.00, Cantor Nafali Herzog, and Great Synagogue Choir, directed by Eli Jaffe.

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TEL AVIV
GREAT SYNAGOGUE, 110 Allenby Rd. Services conducted by Cantor Michael Davidovitz. Shabbat services before Kabbalat Shabbat by Synagogue President Avraham Hatzooli, Barmitzva Elyakim (Eli) Frenkel, son of Rabbi Shimon and Bat Zion Frenkel and grandson of Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yehida and 10.30 a.m. 18 Eilat, Shabbat 8.00. Kaddish Rabba after the service.

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THE PURIM PROGRAMMING

was so good that I found myself wishing that Purim would last forever. I got the unusual feeling that somebody in Television House was applying thought and imagination to selecting programmes for our delectation, instead of just churning out any old thing that came to hand.

Of course, Israel Television may retort that they always provide appropriate fare for Tisha Be'Av, Holocaust Day, Remembrance Day, the day before the Day of Atonement, the death of any great Israeli and every other tragic occasion in our calendar, which is unfortunately full of reasons for mourning. But this is not what I really want. It is easy enough to provide gloomy material: it is much more difficult to brighten our travail-full lives.

I would like Israel Television to adopt as its guidelines the views of Gratiano in *The Merchant of Venice*: "With mirth and ad laughter let old wrinkles come, and let my liver rather heat with wine than my blood cool with mortifying groans." Purim proved that they can do the trick. (They even gave us a pre-Purim *Purimspiel*: the Herut convention.) Now they have set themselves a new standard of providing amusement - I do not consider the so-called entertainment shows, based on pop songs, as entertaining. I want funny shows, like we had for Purim.

Pride of place in the week's goodies must go to Dudu Topaz. His one-man show, *Slip of the Tongue*, was an astonishing tour-de-force. I cannot recall ever seeing anything to equal it. For nearly an hour, going at the speed of Halley's comet, he kept us laughing and laughing, as one brilliant sketch merged into another.

Vehicles

Cars for Sale

Daihatsu Charman 1600, one owner, metallic, radio, 362475.

Cars, personal imports, specially suitable for new immigrants and disabled, all types of cars. Representative from Belgium at your service in Haifa, 04-363630; office in Belgium, 00-32-4550233; Aler 34378.

Charade, automatic, 1982, 40,000, one owner, excellent condition, 03-240642.

Charade, 1986, automatic, new, 34137, 34160, not Shabbat.

Charade, automatic, 1986, 1500, metallic, additions, 03-223572, 03-900054.

Charman, 1300, air conditioner, stereo, completely new condition, 03-900026.

ALFA ROMEO
Alfa Romeo, 1982, one owner, 56,000km, excellent, 03-412734.

Sud, 82, black, one owner, excellent condition, 03-9643366, work; 03-964410, home.

Alfa Romeo, 1982, excellent, tyres, test, 956688.

Sud, 1983, excellent, test, lev, stereo, 03-97770, 03-989318.

AUDI
80, 1973, 2 doors, third owner, mechanically excellent, 03-452114.

80, 1977, 4 doors, second owner, wonderful, 03-918667.

Audi 80, 1983, air conditioner, 03-41313, evenings; 03-35589, mornings.

80, 1985, automatic, power steering, from disabled, 03-435398, from afternoon.

Audi 80, GL 1600, automatic, 1983, well kept, 03-813478.

100, 1986, automatic, burglar, NIS 10,800, in part, 04-34173.

Audi 80, 1983, well kept, one owner, air conditioner, 792697, 786186.

Audi 80, 1983, 1985, metallic spray, 03-463394, 03-944027.

Audi 80, 1982, well kept, second owner, test, 03-911180.

Audi 80, automatic, 1983, from disabled, 45,000km, 03-913114.

AUSTIN MORRIS
Morris Marina 1300, 1975, test in November, 08-493253.

Metro 1300, one owner, 1983, 32,000, test, 03-615784, 03-450404.

AUTOBIANCHI
86, radiotele, alarm, 2,000km, excellent condition, 03-588895.

Autobianchi Elegante, 1980, second owner, 75,000km, 03-410172.

Autobianchi, 1983, from rental, burglar, 03-611290, work.

Everett, 1982, 1050, excellent condition, test, lev, 03-531022.

Junior, 1981, second owner, radio tape, mechanically and externally excellent, 03-490144.

Junior, 1982, one owner, private, 28,700, 03-751058, 03-371747.

Junior, red, late 1984, 19,000, well kept, test, 03-342948.

Elegant, 1981, one owner, private, 55,000, special, test, 03-735625.

B.M.W.
316, 1984, metallic, year's test, 39,000km, like new, passport to pass, 03-9643633.

316, 1980, 1982, power steering, extra, 03-252336, 03-543120.

Passport to passport, bargain price! BMW 518, air conditioner, power steering, 03-413037, weekdays.

316, new, 23.6.1985, 5 gears, 4 doors, 03-9228105.

CITROEN
Citroen Pallas GSA, 1983, one owner, 03-296193.

GSA Pallas C-Matic 1982, metallic grey, 72,000, test, excellent condition, 03-34482.

GSA Pallas 1984, 10,000km, excellent, year's license, 03-344594.

CSR, 1982, one owner, 9,000km, 03-82689.

Via 1100, 1982, second owner, good condition, 03-586867.

GSA Pallas C-Matic, 82, one owner, radio, 91302.

GSA Pallas C-Matic, 84, 25,000km, additions, 03-479951.

Passport to passport, Citroen BX 16RS, 1985, air conditioner, radiotele, 03-78718.

COMMERCIAL CARS
Volkswagen minibus, double cabin, automatic, 03-988741, 04-213734.

D-200, 1979, insulated Tuvra box, test for 9 months, 03-256994, from 17.00.

New Volkswagen commercial, 1986, immediate delivery, credit terms up to 25 months, 03-290646-8.

Transit, 1973, windows, benches, 7700, also transit for parts, 03-33968.

FIAT
127 Sport, 1300, 1983, one owner, 26,000km, 03-23334.

127, 1982, from rental, 51,000km, excellent condition, 03-474759.

127, 1984, one owner, like new, 10,000km, radiotele, 03-881765.

127/81, second owner, from rental, 106,000km, good condition, 03-923361.

Fiat 127, 1981, one owner, well kept, 47,000km, 03-749238.

Ronda GLX, one owner, 1984, 29,000, metallic, excellent, 03-83803.

127, 1976, special, private, excellent condition, 03-793133.

Ritmo 1100, 1981, one owner, 60,000, well kept, 10,800, 03-340978.

127, 1983, 40,000km, year's test, like new, 722330, home, 33971, work.

1301, 1980, 1981, 35,000km, radio, air conditioner, 03-27655, home.

1301, 1981, 40,000km, NIS 14,500, 03-959021.

1301, 1985, like new, 9,000km, year's test, 03-917633.

Escort 1100, 1972, good condition, must sell, 03-955888.

Escort 1300, 1980, automatic, excellent condition, 03-544322.

Fiesta B, 1983, one owner, previously rented, excellent, 03-452030.

Fiesta Popular, 1985, 11,000km, one owner, 721836.

Sierra 1600 GL, 1983, automatic, from disabled, like new, 03-495303.

Sierra 1600 L, 1983, test, 03-359911, not Shabbat.

Brenda SL, 1981, luxurious, test, lev, (exchange), 03-461836.

Escort 1979, automatic, overhaul, NIS 8,000, Colin, 5 Hess, Pesh, Tika, behind Municipality; work: 03-30667-8.

Due to departure! Fiesta, 1984, lev, 45,000km, 03-739391.

Cortina, 1300, GL, 1982, one owner, 809339, work, 724500.

Fiesta, 1983, one owner, like new, test, 10,000km, 03-457078.

LANCIA
Polvia Coupe 1300, 1974, excellent condition, after general overhaul, 7519338, evenings, 412358.

Sport Delta 1982, second owner, 42,000, excellent condition, 03-988170.

LORRIES
Special cooling units for lorry boxes and insulated commercial vehicles, 03-370835.

Man low track, 1973 + closed roof, possibility of regular work, 03-959802, 03-708728.

MERCEDES
230 E, 1983, all extras, 2nd owner, private, 03-428852.

OPEL
Ascona 1300S, 1984, 24,000, metallic, 03-664962, 03-259444.

Kadett, 1982, automatic, 1300, second owner, 43,000km, list price, 03-491077.

Opel Corsa RS, passport to passport, excellent condition, must sell! 732481.

Ascona 1300-S, 1983, automatic, like new, extras, 03-807368, 03-841531.

Opel Ascona, 5, 1983, metallic, wonderful, 03-59406.

Ascona 1600 Luxon, 1983, automatic, one owner, like new, 03-53810.

Ascona, 1.6, 1983, personal import, one owner, excellent, accessories, 03-538101.

Ascona, 1300, 1981, one owner, 29,000km, 03-535533, evenings, 03-475624.

Ascona 1200, 1986, 4 doors, 6500km, 03-536889.

Corsa, 1986, 5 doors, immediate: Kadett, 1986, 4 doors, 03-541713.

Kadett, 1983, 1300/4, excellent, 26,000km, test, 13,000, 03-453784.

Opel Ascona, 1600, automatic, 1980, excellent, lev, 03-725374.

PEUGEOT
104 GR, 1984, one owner, 24,500km, excellent, 03-460315.

305, 1300, 1982, 2nd owner, excellent, metallic, 03-948864.

304, 1983, automatic, from disabled, 46,000km, 03-535656, 03-430007.

304, 1973, before test, NIS 4200, 03-291502.

305, station, 1982, 5 Bazzali, apt. 3, Rishon LeZion.

305, 1983, automatic, 58,000km, 03-431315, mornings; 03-416979, evenings.

104 JR, 1982, one owner, test 9, lev, NIS 10,200, 04-220630.

205 GL, 1984, one owner, 11,000, excellent condition, 03-40282.

Peugeot 304, coupe (sport), 1972, excellent mechanically, 03-347070, test, private.

Samba, 1982, from rental, excellent condition, 03-738498, from Sunday, 03-21942.

305, SR, 1983, automatic, air conditioner, electric windows, 03-357497.

304, automatic, 1983, one owner, 03-339852, Friday, 08.00-13.00, Saturday, 10.00-14.00.

GSA Pallas C-Matic, 84, 25,000km, additions, 03-479951.

Passport to passport, Citroen BX 16RS, 1985, air conditioner, radiotele, 03-78718.

RENAULT
Immediate, 18, automatic, 1983, year's test, 03-950853, evenings.

18 station, 1983, automatic, power steering, list price, Home, 08-432064, work, 03-294128.

4, 1100, 1983, one owner, excellent, 03-780317, Saturday morning.

4, 1979, dual-purpose, test, NIS 5,500, 03-444600.

35, 1100, 1982, one owner, 39,000, excellent, list price, 03-891291.

9 TC 1982, excellent, 45,000km, 13,000, 03-442822.

9, 1983, one owner, test, lev, 03-455429.

18 station, 1600, one owner, excellent, 1983, test, 03-412674.

SIMCA / CHRYSLER
1300S, 1981, excellent condition, previously from rental, 03-945347.

1982, 1600, SX, automatic, air conditioner, electric windows, year's test, 03-351621.

Horizon 1100, 23.9.1984, one owner, 25,000km, 03-923996.

Solaris, automatic, 1981, 77,000km, air conditioner, radiotele, computer, one owner, 03-444578.

SUBARU
1300, and 1983, metallic, 30,000km, excellent condition, 03-964978.

700, 1983, one owner, test, lev, 03-25983; work, 03-573333.

Hatchback 1981, exchange for later model possible, 03-762505, 08-230270.

Special telephone to place ads in Hahush Hehadash with Visa, Isracard and Diners Card credit cards, 03-27117, 03-27118; open all day from 07.00. Pishan Ideal.

Subaru Justy, 1983 + lev, excellent condition, 03-457548.

1300, 1983, one owner, air conditioner, lev, Friday, 03-281950; Saturday, 03-442035.

1300, 1985, one owner, blue metallic, 10,000km, 03-864665.

1983, 1300, one owner, like new, excellent condition, for serious! 03-807940.

Subaru 1978/1600, hardtop, automatic, 03-239338.

1600, 1986, standard, 7,500km, for serious, 08-493336, 03-802626.

1600, automatic, 1982, one owner, 50,000km, excellent, 03-911626.

700, metallic, 1984, 19,000km, 03-79467, work.

Station, 1300, 1986, 0km, 03-74681, not Shabbat.

Subaru 83, one owner, additions, very well kept, 03-703771, 03-449949.

Subaru 1300, 1981, one owner, excellent mechanically, 803602.

Subaru 1600, 1979, 2nd owner, bargain, 03-411013.

SUSSITA
Rom station, 1979, good condition, 03-397632.

Rom, 1979, excellent condition, 4th owner, 03-33968.

TRIUMPH
Rental, garage for bodywork, possibly with tools, for qualified bodywork technician, 03-585612, Mordochai; 03-381577, Itzik.

Omega 1982, 4 cylinders, air conditioner, automatic, excellent, passport to passport, 03-91462.

Chevette, 1978 + air conditioner, 38 Sokolov, Hod Hasharon, Saturday only. Beautiful 1986, Dodge Caravan SE, 8 passengers, automatic, power steering etc., also possible passport to passport. Lev, 03-78420 (18.00-20.00).

Chvrolet van, long, 1982, good condition, 03-900016.

Malibu Classic, 1983, air conditioner, accessories, 03-811498, weekday afternoons.

Oldsmobile Cutlass, station, 1982, must sell, excellent condition, 03-62581, 03-723688.

Pontiac LeMans, 1972, 6 cylinder, well kept, 03-26162, 03-449014.

Pontiac, 74, automatic, air conditioner, 614956, 330724, Shabbat.

VOLKSWAGEN
Beetle, 1303, 1974, 03-25226, work; 03-484800, from 15.00.

Double cabin, 1984, like new, excellent condition, 04-722617, 04-381276.

Double cabin van, 1981, list price, 03-38284, 03-22338.

Golf, 1100/3, 1982, 2nd owner, excellent condition, 03-556161.

Passat 1600, 1979, one owner, 37,500km, test in October, NIS 17,500, 03-347363.

Golf 1300, 1982, test, alarm, excellent condition, 03-53581.

Jetta 82 C.I., excellent condition, one owner, 03-738733.

Passat, 1600, automatic, 1979, good condition, from doctor, 03-550716.

Bargain! Beetle, 1961, 12 volt, 450, 03-462394.

Beetle, 1600, automatic, 1972, one owner, 161,000km, NIS 4,000, 03-63338, work; 03-440638, home.

Beetle 1200, 1976, 2nd owner, 4,000, 495625.

Dorby, 1981, 2nd owner, 60,000km, NIS 10,800, 04-749787.

New Volkswagen commercial, 1986, immediate delivery, credit terms up to 25 months, 03-290646-8.

Volkswagen Beetle, 1974, excellent condition, test, 03-345333.

VOLVO
244, 1978, automatic, excellent condition, test, list price, 03-24346.

For sale, Volvo station 1972, excellent condition, air conditioner, extras, good price, 03-769906, not Shabbat.

Station 1800, 1983, 84,000km, 3800, 35,000km, 34,000, 03-414646.

Volvo DL, 1983, station, one owner, air conditioner, 729533.

Volvo station, 1976, automatic, 03-76731.

Bargain! 244/2000, automatic, power, 28,000, 03-219088, 03-884604.

Volvo DL, 1983, from disabled, 03-59096, not Shabbat.

Motorbikes
Honda 350, 1971, after overhaul, excellent condition, 03-932306.

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3-3 1/2 ROOMS

Kfar Ganim, 3 rooms, nice, spacious, 4th floor, no lift. 03-9225938.
Ramat Gan, 3 rooms, dinette, quiet area, 3rd floor, parking, 568,000, 03-92508, after Shabbat.
Ramat Gan, Bialik center, 3 1/2, 14 year old building, 4th floor, adjacent parking, available soon. 03-734342.
Ramat Gan, Harav Levin, 3 room flat, on pillars, flexible availability. 74956.
Givat Hahoshim, Givat Shmuel, 3, spacious, 1st floor, on pillars, 45,000, 03-314007.
Ramat Gan, Hageffon, 3 1/2, luxurious, large balcony, additions, 100,000, 751,392, evenings.
Givat Shmuel, 3, 3rd floor, near Tadiran, 3rd floor, 03-5321193, not Shabbat.
3 1/2 room flat, 3rd floor, phone, Ramat Eilat. 03-352339.
3 room flat, well arranged, garden, spacious possible, Ramat Hachayal. 03-490553.
Bargil Petah Tikva, Herzl, under construction, 3-4, full guarantee and mortgage. Our office is open Saturday night. Anglo Saxon, 03-900479, 36 Haim Ozer.
Eli Ganina, Petah Tikva, 3 1/2, 127sq.m., 3 exposures, 03-919883.
Givat Shmuel, 3, 3rd floor, 3 exposures, nice, well arranged, additions, parking. 03-532221.
Immediate, Ramat Gan, 3 1/2, luxurious, additions, improvements, from architect. 03-736767.
Petah Tikva, 3 1/2, prestigious area, 1st floor, on pillars, phone. 03-922295.
Quiet center, 3 rooms, parking, cupboards, 34,000, 03-906094.
Ramat Gan, 3 rooms, phone, airconditioning, frontal, 739454, 85497.
Ramat Gan, Harari, 3 rooms, spacious, 48,000, 03-770299.

4 ROOMS & MORE

Petah Tikva, Haim Cohen, 4, 3rd floor, view, luxurious, 101,000, 03-922990, not Shabbat.
Petah Tikva, near Beilinson, 4, 1st floor, on pillars, 72,000, 03-824853.
Petah Tikva, 5 + workshop, specially designed. 03-915158.
Ramat Yitzhak, modern, 4 large, 4th floor, lift, Pe'er, 03-726819.
For religious, Kiryat Herzog, Bnei Brak, 4, 4 room flats, 5 rooms with adjacent roof. 03-664631.
For religious, Petah Tikva, 3, 4 room flats, 03-664631.
Givat Sayon, 4, additions, traditional area. 03-341546, not Shabbat.
Givatayim, for religious, luxurious, 4, 5 room flats, Rehov Modin Lezion. 03-664631.
Givatayim, 2 flats, one above the other, lift. 03-322638.
Givatayim, Borochov, 5 + developed roof + room, 195,000, 03-722151.
Neot Davat offers, Ramat Gan, 9 Pini Hagivah, 3 room flat + room on roof + roof, immediate occupancy. Tel. 03-946757.
Petah Tikva, large, luxurious, 4 1/2, 1st floor, American kitchen. 03-202554, weekdays.
Petah Tikva, 4, beautiful, 3 exposures, lift, conveniences. 9327129.
Petah Tikva, Hameisim, 4 + work room, 03-9231119, not Shabbat.
Petah Tikva, Kfar Ganim, Mekis, 4 spacious, additions. 03-9231105.
Petah Tikva, Rothschild, 4 1/2, 4th floor, lift, kitchen, parking. 03-903458.
Ramat Gan, Kiryat Borochov, flat + roof, 115,000, 03-32132.
Ramat Gan, Shalev, 4 large, 3 exposures, balconies, double conveniences, parking, 389,000, 03-7510782.
Visit Midah Company's model flat, Petah Tikva, 5 Rehov Yona Green, Mondays and Wednesdays, 16:00-18:00.
Ramat Avalon, 5 special, 4 exposures, 3rd floor, lift, additions. 03-356342.

Flats for Rent

Flatmate for 2 1/2 room furnished flat, phone, Givatayim. 03-315091.
Central Ramat Gan, room + hall, spacious, unfurnished, ground floor. 03-739996.
Givatayim, 3, unfurnished, 1st floor, on pillars, phone, solar boiler. 03-353767.
Petah Tikva, 4 new, 2nd floor, lift, phone, solar boiler. 03-446085.
Ramat Gan, 2 new flats for rent, 5 rooms, immediate. 741908.
Ramat Gan, for rent, 2, phone. 03-316317.
Ramat Gan, immediate, 2 1/2 unfurnished, phone, solar boiler. 03-554915.
American orthodox doctor seeks to rent furnished 3 room flat/villa in Rehovot or Petah Tikva, near synagogue, from April 15 until June 30. 03-792007, 03-355675.
Bnei Brak, 2 1/2 rooms, in private house, garden, closed balconies, preferably for religious. 03-784645, 03-39195.
Petah Tikva, central, quiet, 2 rooms, 3 balconies. 03-777001.

Furnished Flats

Flatmate for nice flat, 3 furnished, Givatayim. 311426, 324313.
Petah Tikva, Ahal Ham, 2 1/2, furnished, 1st floor, not Shabbat.
Ramat Gan, 11 Yosef Hagivah, 1 1/2 + phone. 724521, Ben-Or.
Ramat Gan, 2 for rent, furnished. 03-611290, work hours.
Ramat Gan, Hageffon, lounge + 2, on pillars, 225, 263063.
Ramat Gan, 3, new, furnished, parking, no phone. 03-612554, 03-223653.
Ramat Gan, near Eilat, 1 1/2 nice, partially furnished. 846336.
Rimon-Kivim, 3, on pillars, furnished, phone, immediate. 03-353815, 03-351736.

Flats Wanted

Interested in renting 4 room flat, Givatayim, unfurnished, for year from July August. 03-723726, evenings.

Hasharon

3-3 1/2 ROOMS

Ra'anana, 3, dinette, spacious, 2nd floor, solar boiler, parking. 03-25770.
Ra'anana, Keren Hachayal, 3, 1st floor, 1 + dinette, no phone. 03-728833.
Ramat Hasharon, Remez, 3 rooms, 1st floor, phone, immediate occupancy. 03-470724.
Ra'anana, excellent area, 3, 3rd floor, phone, solar boiler. 03-494442.
Ramat Hasharon, 3, 3rd floor, central, quiet, spacious, additions. 461226.
Herzliya, Rehov Weizmann, 3, dinette, 2nd floor, frontal. 03-550782.
Ra'anana, Har Sinai, 3 1/2 rooms, dinette, parking, solar boiler. 03-446058.
Kfar Rasheh, Herzliya, 3, 3rd floor, 43sq.m., 03-624832.
For sale, Kfar Sava, 3 1/2, suitable for young couple. 03-442777, 03-28230.
Ramat Hasharon, Neve Magen, 3, 4, May occupancy, phone. 03-352403, evenings.

Ramat Hasharon, central and quiet location, 3 room flat, including tiled roof. 483496.

4 ROOMS & MORE

Herzliya, 4 rooms, 115sq.m., excellent area, 574,000, 03-81084.
Herzliya, 4, 2nd floor, pretty, nice area, phone. 03-551196.
Kfar Sava, Hachayal, 4 luxurious, immediate occupancy. Doro Ram, 03-26558.
Ra'anana, penthouse + roof, 5 1/2, central and quiet, 135,000, 03-451986.
Ramat Hasharon, 4, roof, lift, 3 story building. 414527.
Flat + roof, wonderful view, 275sq.m., 6 rooms, 3 bathrooms, almost ready, 130,000, Teperson, 03-77681, 08-30-15:00.
Herzliya, 6 + option for roof, 3rd floor, quiet, 98,000, 03-544106.
Herzliya, 4, well arranged, solar boiler, airconditioner, parking, 66,000, 03-541510.
Kfar Sava, 4 1/2, walk-in closet, double conveniences, phone, 3rd floor, lift, flexible. 03-445122.
Kfar Sava, excellent location, special 6 room flat, 3 conveniences, storeroom. 03-33637.
Ra'anana, 4 spacious rooms, 1st floor, sought after area, double conveniences, nicely designed, additions, parking. 03-446003.
Ra'anana, sale of project started, Givat Dayan, 4, 5 + penthouse, Exclusive to Anglo Saxon, 03-454336.
Ramat Hasharon, 5, luxurious, improved, 6th floor, airconditioner, parking. 03-479291.
For religious, Ra'anana, Rehov Schwartz, 4, 5 room flats, 6 room penthouses. 03-664631.
Kfar Sava, Hadashim Project, due to the success of Shalev Alef, we are offering in Shalev Beit: luxurious cottages + land, 883,500 + VAT, flexible payments, NIS 22,000 mortgage, Sales at model flat on location, Rehov Ben Yehuda, Sundays-Tuesdays 14:00-18:30, Isco, 03-426093.
Ra'anana, central, quiet, 4, large, additions, 2nd floor. 03-532527.
Ramat Hasharon, 8 Rehov Hameleha, 4 1/2, final construction stages. 03-473325.
Ramat Hasharon, roof flat, 5 1/2 rooms, new, lift, 3 exposures, mortgage, Isco, 03-47490, 03-426293.
Kfar Sava, 4 1/2, spacious and invested, walk-in closet, double conveniences, central and quiet. 03-32776.
Kfar Sava, 4, 2nd floor, centre, available in one year. 03-447310.
Kfar Sava, 5 + storeroom, spacious, excellent location, phone. 03-450857.
Naveh Amirim, 5 luxurious, high double conveniences. 03-421967, 03-427542.
Neot Davat offers, Ramat Hasharon, 5 room flat, 5 Rehov Mordchei, immediate occupancy. Tel. 03-946737.
Not-Yam, 4, 2nd floor, 4 tenants, double conveniences, additions. 03-77233.
Ramat Hasharon, 4 large and pretty, bargain, National, 03-481255, 03-482058.

Flats for Rent

Kfar Sava, 4 rooms, phone, lift, Tel. 03-219324, Friedman.
Ra'anana, 3 rooms, dinette, nice. 03-44078.
Herzliya, centre, 4, 2nd floor, phone. 03-812094, not Shabbat.
Naveh Amirim, 5 rooms, new, high, phone. 03-400292.
Ra'anana, central, 1 1/2, private house, phone, also for business. 03-737248.
Ramat Hasharon, 4 large, like new, Sokolov, lift, improvements. 03-354222.

Furnished Flats

Herzliya Pituah, furnished 4 room flat, deluxe, phone, immediate. 03-535192.
Rehovot, for serious, 6, 1st floor, garden, land, 3 tenants. 03-433445, not Shabbat.
Rehovot, 5 rooms, 140sq.m., 95,000, 03-451743.
Bargil, 4 room flats, 134sq.m., Neve Hadashim, Rishon Lezion; also 5 room flats and cottages available in 18 months. Visit model flat. Tel. 03-995356, on location; Eilat office: 03-203341.
Be'er Sheva, 5 1/2, improvements, air-conditioner, 1st floor, exchange possible for similar in central region. 03-72165.
4 1/2 rooms, western part of town, 3 Rehov Dvira, Rishon Lezion, entrance in August. Tel. 03-946757, Neot Davat.
Neot Davat offers, Rishon Lezion, 5 room penthouse, only one on roof, 1 Rehov Wolfson, immediate occupancy. Tel. 03-946737.
Neot Davat offers, Rishon Lezion, Rehov Beit Yosef, only penthouse on roof, immediate occupancy. Tel. 03-946737.

Flats for Rent

Rishon Lezion, 4 rooms, 129 Rehov Rothschild, phone, lift, option for two years. 03-535028.

Purchase Sale

For Sale
Bedroom, youth room, Crystal washing machine. 03-625704.
Due to departure, excellent new flat, central + electrical appliances. 03-206913.
Liquidation, lounge seating arrangement, television armchair etc. 03-428351.
Liquidation! Wool, Gobelin, cosmetics, furniture, Or Yehuda, opposite Bracha Council, 352510.
New built-in Maytag dishwasher, in packing garage disposal unit. 03-728458.
Golfing flat contents, 04-253303, 04-253305, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
For sale, flat contents + Flat 127, 1980, 03-541596.
Bargil! Antique desk, table, chairs and more, from collector. 03-78341.
Cordless phone, Altek, range, new, lift, 03-444796.
Dial 03-393904 to Pituah Zaur, and Dial 03-393904 to Pituah Zaur, and your ad will appear in Luah Ma'ariv at campaign price and you will receive a special gift 3-D poster. Pituah Zaur, 40 Chelov, Tel Aviv.
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Suter, the 1st German piano, campaign price. Melnik Pianos, 125 Dizengoff, Tel Aviv. 03-220303.

For sale, Nordic dishes, 97-piece silverware, 74 units of crystal glassware; Sony television, JVC video, radio-tape, camera; tv games; binoculars and more. 03-78273.

Pets

Golden retriever puppies-parent Israel guarantee. 08-482018, work: 06-471334, home.
For sale, beautiful golden retriever puppies. 03-543307.
Pedigreed shepherd pups. 03-487222, 03-487213, from Friday after 13:00.
For discerning! New Somali system, special, 65 wats. 03-941912.
Pregnant mare, age 7 + Arab horse, age 4, with certificates. 03-33968.

Refrigerators

Amana 16 cu., new in packing, bargain. 763815.
Foreign-made refrigerators, no-frost, guarantee. Kirav Aviv, 29 King George. 03-282301.
General Electric 22, ice maker, 5 years, new, not in use. 5311705.
Amana 15 automatic, new motor. 349031.
Tadiran 400 De Luxe, like new, must be seen. 03-746383.

Shavers

Thickets, sale and repair of parts. 12 Bialik, Ramat Gan. 736164.
Elies, sale and repair, full guarantee, 20 Hadya. 03-630191.

Stamps

Zodiac, public auction, beautiful material, all collector levels, foreign and holyland, May 7-8, 03-291395.

Stereos

Powerful professional stereo system, complete with compact disk. 03-451435.

Televisions

TV which picks up satellites and 10-system select, 3,000, 03-414646.
Up-to-date 5-system video, 2,200; mixer, 450. 03-414646.
Transfer of 8mm. and 16mm. films onto video cassettes. Videomatic, 03-203598.
Video services, producing, editing and digital effects. Zeno, 03-203598, Videomatic.

Typewriters

Sale/rental, Dayan, 10 Sderot Rothschild, Tel Aviv. 650466, 724480.
Learn typewriting well at Rimon commercial school. 85 Dizengoff, Tel Aviv, 281985.

Washing Machines

Crystal Super-Lord washing machine, 5 1/2kg., excellent. 03-455713.
German washing machine-dryer, in packing, 3,000, 03-414646.

Purchase

Israel buys everything, also inheritances. 828567, evenings, 876224, 958678.
Weiss buys inheritances, liquidations, etc. 812649, 830607, 872531.
Jacobi buys inheritances, furniture, liquidations. 03-832818, home, 03-451761.

Carpets

Used carpets for sale, about 900sq.m. Park Hotel, 03-33347.

Cooking Equipment

American stove, combination gas-microwave, modern, 3300, 03-414646.
Must sell, Caloric cooking oven, NIS 500, 03-72816.
Take home a new stove at convenient terms and your old one will be put on sale at Mezuzah Hatanachim, 88 Hasharon, 03-741934, Selection of new cooking and baking goods! gas burners, and mobile gas units. Starting Saturday night.

Furniture

Leaving! Buffet, bedroom, other furniture, like new. 03-554056.

Situations Vacant

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Cleaning workers required, Sunday-Thursday, good conditions. 03-749313.
Drivers, Gimmel lexicon, to distribute soft drinks, experienced, ready for work. Rishon Lezion, 03-749313, 14-30-21, 03-451435, 5 day week + Saturday night. 03-288007.
Typist for work at home, native English speaker, dictaphone experience. Tel. 03-440877, 03-460452.

Personnel

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Experienced clerk with bookkeeping skills, for shop in Caesarea, 14-30-21, 03-451435, 5 day week + Saturday night. 03-288007.
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Melnik Pianos, giant sales campaign, new, used, and reconditioned by experts, 15 in cash, remainder in payments. 125 Dizengoff, 03-220303.

Importers of posters, stickers, prints, labels, framed pictures, mirrors, pop objects, international selection, incomparable prices. Armin, 03-653305.

Sanyo, Panasonic electronic answering machines + remote control. Phone: 163 Ben Gabriel, 03-47708, 03-455886.

Westinghouse 16cu., 800; Miele washing machine, 1,000; 2 Philon, Tel Aviv. 03-840048.

6-door fitted cupboard, 200; Tadiran 400, 200, 03-245832.

Bargain, large plating machine for carpenter, for sale. 287067, 831261.

General Electric washing machine, Rapidio folding caravan. 03-72337.

JVC stereo, Nikon camera, Walkman, Asta congo drums. 429117.

Large manager's desk, computer table, chair, excellent condition. 03-104039.

Snow-axes, liquidation, stock of new used equipment. 03-298645.

Bargain, flat contents: lounge, buffet, stereo, beds, 23 Alekzav, Bat Yam, flat 10.

Break press, guillotine, press, saw, roller, pipe-bender, spot welder, notcher, nibbler. 04-725932, 04-724093.

For sale: 1. Sot. Obolov compressor; 2. 10cu. Obolov compressor; 3. mobile diesel compressor. 808 P.M. 03-374169.

General Electric refrigerator, Caloric oven, infant furniture etc. 03-261418.

Air Conditioners

Epikor, sales and service for all air conditioners + central air conditioning. 15 Shochan, Tel Aviv. 03-813090.

Boats

Campaign at the country's largest waterfront center! Alfa and Bock! 03-61573, 03-79381, 03-72069, all week, also Saturday.
Laser, for competitions, excellent condition + trailer. 03-61573, Saturday.
Sailboat-windurfer, Laser (England) + trailer, bargain. 03-867472.

Computers

Thag Computer Service Ltd., specialized IBM PC marketing and servicing. Micro computer laboratory. Country wide service for terminals, computers, disk drive, printers. Tel. 03-32745, T.L.C. 33317 D. Amit Avni: Thag.
Apple compatible, 2 disk drives, printer, manuals, software. 08-22765.
Bargain, IBM PC, 256K, 2 disk drives, like new, leasing. 03-499302.
For rent by tender, 3 storerooms in Bnei Brak railroad station (near Caesarea), size: 760, 1980 and 2177sq.m. Details: 03-254271, ext. 374 and 251. 03-531211, ext. 2260.
Northern Advantage + disk + printer + IBM p.c. 03-9231119, not Shabbat.

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Urgent, San Simon, 6, dinette, 3rd floor, central, southern, 990,000, Capital, 532131.

Yerid Diner in Binyan Chai, no brokerage fee for buyers. Tel. 2314778.

French Hill, 4 rooms, 75,000, Holyland Realty, 02-352221, 02-763740.

Alto Tor, 5, two stories, garden, private heating, 120,000, Ramat, 247859. Beit Hakerem, 3, in small house, balcony, garden, surprising price, Kef Li, 244008, 232742, 244716, Maida.

Baka, in Arab house, vaulted, 3 1/2 huge, private entrance and garden, Zohar Realty, 248727, 244716, Maida.

Bargain, Rehavia, 5, view of Knesset, storehouse, parking, Roman Realty, 661374.

Bargain, Talpote, 4, 3rd floor, huge, balconies, Flaceman Yael, 232611, Maida.

Bargain, cottage, Givat Canada, 6 + garden, special price. Kef Li, 232742, 244008, Maida.

Bayit Vegan, 4 1/2 renovated, study, view, Zohar Realty, 248727, 244716, Maida.

Beit Hakerem, 4 + dinette, 2nd floor, 120sq.m., large balcony, 2nd floor, 243386, Maida.

Beit Hakerem, 4 lovely, cupboards, storehouse, 80,000, Avi Cohen, 233125, 228922, Maida.

Best price in Pigat Zeev, prestigious, 3 1/2 rooms, stone building (conventional), Azor, 97 Rehov Yafa, Jerusalem, 02-234733.

Cottages! Ramat, 4 1/2, garden, 99,000; Gilo, prestigious cottage, bargain price, Beit Carmel, 247999, Maida.

For religious, Bayit Vegan, 4, dinette (10sq.m.), 85,000, Beit Carmel, 233380, Maida.

Gilo, Hata'ena, cottage, 5, two family, private entrance, view, 763463.

Har Nof, Beit for religious, 3, 4, 5 rooms, high standard, 02-224181.

Ma'agali Yavne, 4, balcony, garden, 99,000, Kef Li, 232742, 244008, Maida.

New Gilo, 4 1/2 (5 possible), separate entrance, Beit Carmel, 247999, Maida.

Ramat Denya, 4, large, storehouse, steel standard, must be seen, 87,000, 02-422656, 02-232735.

Ramat Eshkol, 4, 120sq.m., beautiful, 2nd floor, 95,000, Ramat, 247859.

Ramat Moriah, 4, separate entrance, garden, Moked Eshkol, 4, balcony, Kishon, 5, balcony, Ramat, Moriah Realty, 02-717988, 713838.

Ramat Sherez, 4, dinette, double conveniences, storehouse, Beit Carmel, 233380, Maida.

Ramat Sherez, penthouse, 5, private heating, terrace, 40sq.m., must be seen, Ramat, 247859.

Ramat, 4 spacious, 4th floor, double conveniences, cupboards, 863173.

Ramat, cottage, 4, 120sq.m., separate entrance, private yard, Ramat, 247859.

Ramat, luxurious flat, 3 1/2 rooms, high building standard, Azor, 97 Rehov Yafa, Jerusalem, 02-234733.

Rehavia, 4 1/2, ground floor, 175,000, 02-423786, 02-420297.

Rehavia, 5-6 rooms, prestigious, bright view, Tova Bler, 262371.

Urgent, Polish, 5, possibility of 7, whole story, 135,000, Ramat Realty, 661374.

Week's bargain! Kiyat Moshe, for religious, 4, lovely, view, 3rd floor, 60,000, Kef Li, 232742, 244008, Maida.

Flats for Rent

8/A Horkauia, 3rd floor, 3 rooms, 02-660262, evenings.

Abu Tor, penthouse, 5 + storage room, new view, immediate occupancy, 530, Anglo Saxon, Maida, 02-221161.

Abu Tor, 5 rooms, garden, private entrance, 661131-2, weekdays.

Amnon Hanatviv, 3, 2nd floor, phone, cupboards, immediate, 717885, weekdays.

Amnon Hanatviv, 4, phone, solar boiler, cupboards, view, 02-414022, 02-247385.

Baka, Arab, 2, phone, gas, separate roof and entrance, 224769.

Bhunenfeld, private house, 4 1/2, phone, garden, long term, 375, 02-413797.

Columbia, immediate, 2 1/2, partially furnished, phone, 4116756, 413085.

East Talpote, 2, phone, furnished, 1st floor, 433302.

East Talpote, stage Aleph, 3, immediate, 719488; work, 532240.

French Hill, Neuman project, rental, 4 room flats + day-to-day maintenance, 222913.

German Colony, 3, partially furnished, southern, long term, 636424.

Givat Mordechai, 3 rooms, phone, cupboards, 3rd floor, 663025, weekdays.

Hamat, 3, phone, partially furnished, 351301, 351764.

Hatzeira, German Colony, 4 1/2 rooms, phone, ground floor, 635050, weekdays.

King George, 3rd floor, 8th Colony, 4, 2nd floor, Haver, 225706.

Pigat Zeev, 3 room flat, phone, unfurnished, immediate, 02-520722.

Ramat Denya, 3, phone, heating, lift, from May! 02-410223, 03-513131.

Ramat Sherez, 4, dinette, 2nd floor, new, unfurnished, 266850, weekdays.

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A straw in the wind

MEIR MERHAV

SOME TWO months ago, Prime Minister Peres set off a furious debate about the renewal of economic growth. This was immediately interpreted as an attempt to force a government crisis that might give Peres an excuse for reneging on the rotation agreement. Within weeks, it turned out to have been a flash in the pan.

The cynics were right: the slogan of renewing economic growth turned out to be little more than a cover for rescuing financially distressed enterprises and institutions from the consequences of an economic policy which they did not foresee and to which they did not, and partly could not, adjust. The prime minister's main concern may have been with Kupat Holim and Solel Boneh which, in addition to being big and indispensable on a national scale, are also Labour strongholds. Other ministers were quick to add other candidates for government succor. Ezer Weizman suggested bailing out the Clarin housing company. A Likud minister proposed to save hotelier Haim Shiff from the danger of being reduced from the status of a multi-millionaire to that of a simple millionaire if he has to sell his hotels and other properties to pay off his debts. Meanwhile, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon is already dispensing public money to private firms whose identity he refuses to divulge.

Some of these bail-outs are economically, socially and politically justified or inevitable. Some are not. If judiciously applied, they present no real danger of destabilization.

The real danger is that legitimate bail-outs, designed to stave off the total collapse of enterprises before their viable core can be saved, will quickly degenerate into an indiscriminate boosting of economically unjustifiable make-work projects. The writing is already on the wall: last week it was reported that in the last-minute discussions about the budget, Peres and Finance Minister

Yitzhak Moda'i had agreed to come to the aid of the building industry by promoting the Mamilla project in Jerusalem and the construction of other shopping centres elsewhere.

But the bail-outs of faltering enterprises and institutions have nothing to do with reviving economic growth. Their spillover into make-work projects of the Mamilla type is a total perversion of economic growth as it might have been understood from what Peres originally propounded — as investment in new industries, as the transition to more advanced technologies and higher productivity, as the creation of jobs for the 20,000 young people that each year join the labour force.

But did Prime Minister Peres really mean this kind of growth? And if he did — when was it supposed to begin? What and where are the policy tools to set it in motion? Where are the resources?

THE ANSWER, surely, should have been found in the 1986 budget which will become law in the wee hours on Monday. That budget contains no provision whatsoever for the renewal of economic growth. It is a budget of standstill, of treading water, of continued recession, of no increase in investment except for the renewal of run-down inventories.

Some of the most blatant anti-social features of this budget have aroused a tame mini-rebellion in the Labour Party, but its stagnationary thrust has kindled no flames of revolt. Growth has no lobby.

True, the budget is not holy writ. Much can be done within it and outside it to set actual economic policy on a different course. But that depends on who is in charge and on a clearly formulated alternative economic strategy. It also depends on time. Seeds that might yield a har-

vest if sown now may miss the season and may even be eaten up.

We know who is going to be in charge six months from now. To apply what Churchill said of Clement Attlee, an empty limousine will on October 13 draw up at the prime minister's office and Shamir will step out of it to assume the premiership. Even if he was not inclined by temperament and ideology to do nothing; even if he had an iota of the interest that Peres has in shaping economic policy, even if he could, like Peres, rally both the Histadrut and the industrialists to the support of an agreed policy, the intra-Likud tug-of-war between himself, Moda'i, Levy and Sharon would reduce him and the others to impotence and inaction.

THE prime minister's unswerving support for the budget demonstrates that he has no economic strategy, save that of keeping the economy in recession. Economists may go on debating growth and the technicalities of its "preconditions" (they never have anything to contribute beyond that) until they are blue in the face. In political reality, growth is a dead issue, on two counts.

The first is that if this budget stands, the economy will by the end of fiscal 1986 be, at best, in the same state as now. A no-growth economic policy, a budget that does not even contain a single provision for even one of the minimal reforms needed to spark off growth, let alone allocations for the investments without which it will not begin, will at best perpetuate what is: the greater likelihood is that the chance of taking advantage of the present windfalls of favourable domestic and external circumstances will be missed.

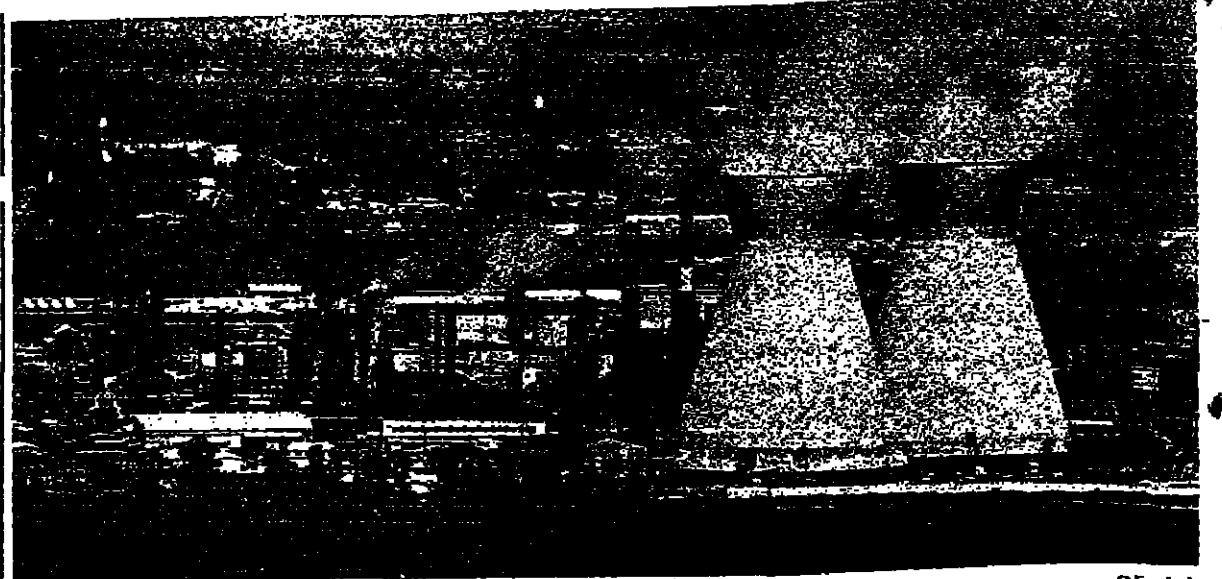
THIS GOVERNMENT was put

together for two tasks. One, the retreat from Lebanon, has been accomplished as far as could realistically be expected. The other, economic recovery, is stuck midway, and this coalition cannot bring it to its conclusion. True, the stabilization that has so far been achieved is a precondition for growth, but it will remain fragile because only growth can make stability long lasting.

Peres, personally, and Labour with him, have no choice but to go through with the rotation. But immediately afterwards they have every incentive and substantive justification for forcing early elections. With six months to the rotation and another six months of a caretaker government, this means elections a year from now.

In such a scenario, the present budget will not hold. It may be breached hesitantly at first, but the pressures on it will mount as the national unity government gasps out its last breath. The resources that might have been committed to investment will increasingly be wasted on current consumption. The concordat between Peres and Moda'i on the Mamilla project is a first straw in the wind.

But even if by some miracle Labour and the Likud would hold each other in check, any sensible investor is likely to sit sitting on the fence as long as the first precondition for growth, government stability, is not given. That is why the growth debate is dead for at least a year, even if Labour forces early elections immediately after the rotation. If it doesn't, the debate will be dead for as long as two-and-a-half years. The only way to shorten the agony and revive the debate meaningfully is for Labour to break up the coalition at the first opportunity after the rotation. Perhaps, but just perhaps, it will meanwhile free itself from the shackles of sterile neo-conservatism and make itself distinguishable from the Likud.



Haifa oil refineries, one of the industries the government wants to sell

(Nowitz)

On the market

MACABEE DEAN

HOW DOES one go about selling state companies, such as Paz Petroleum and Cables of Zion, now on the market?

"With the greatest difficulty — with every day producing a new problem and another challenge," says Ze'ev Refua. Recently appointed director-general of the government Companies Authority, he was immediately entrusted with the job of selling as many of the 209 state companies as possible.

Between them, these companies — which include such well-known concerns as the Israel Electric Corporation, El Al, the Haifa refineries, Agrexco and Shikun Uftuah — have income estimated today at about \$7 billion and employ 70,000 persons.

Refua's task seems an enormous one, until he explains that 120 of the 209 companies account for 98 per cent of their total activities; and that 25 of the companies are not active at all, while others may be active but will never make a profit.

Who would ordinarily want to buy such a company, if the prospects of its ever making a profit are dim?

He feels that he will be doing "quite well" if he sells four to six companies a year ("although I hope to sell Paz and Cables of Zion within the next few months"), and if in the

next few years he can sell between 20 and 30.

WHY SHOULD the government sell any of its companies?

There are several reasons, which Refua, due to his position, does not care to discuss.

But others are willing to do so. Primarily, there is a distinct new philosophical trend among all Western countries that governments should engage only in those national projects which will never attract private capital and that governments should stop competing with the private sector. In other words, they should get out of "business," since businessmen can run things better than civil servants.

Refua himself avoids talking about philosophy, but says that although he has only been in government service for a few months, "I can say categorically that some state companies, though far from all, are run just as well as private ones."

But others are not first-class quality.

"How," he asks rhetorically, "can you expect to attract first-class men

when they can earn a maximum of \$2,000 a month — before taxes — as head of a state company, employing let us say, 8,000 persons, while on the outside they can get at least twice that figure, sometimes three times as much?

THE SECOND reason for getting rid of the state companies is that the government needs money.

And thirdly, the government is interested in attracting foreign investors to establish new projects here.

Since the concept of selling state companies is not new, why has so little been done in this field? According to some sources, there are two principal reasons. They are a wonderful sphere for the exercise of political patronage. When someone gets into power as a minister, he has to pay off his political debts. Where better to do so than in a government company? Only a few months ago, Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon tried to appoint a new board for Israel Chemicals.

But the main reason is entirely different. It is well-nigh impossible to sell a government company which never really functioned on a profit basis, for it is hard to estimate its true value.

(First of a series.)

Look-alike economics

AVI TEMKIN

SOME DAYS ago a newspaper reported that the cost of living had increased by 1.7 per cent in February and carried a story about government opposition to wage increases. Government officials have warned that wage rises will destroy the economic plan, the paper noted, saying in its economic commentary, that the government's failure to cut its expenditure was contrary to what it pledged when launching the economic plan.

The newspaper was not any of the Israeli dailies. It was the *Clarín*, an Argentinean newspaper, referring to developments in Argentina during the first week of March.

Argentina and Israel are two completely different economies, with a different historical and political background. Nevertheless, one is struck by the similarities in their situations. The *Austral* plan, in effect in Argentina since June, contains all the major ingredients of Israel's economic stabilization scheme. (The *Austral* is the name of the new currency the government also introduced in June.)

Argentina's President Raúl Alfonsín was elected in fall 1983 after seven years of military dictatorship. As Prime Minister Shimon Peres was to do one year later, Alfonsín first tried to stabilize the economy through a gradual approach and high interest rates. By mid-1985, however, this policy reached the end of its road. Industrial production was stagnant, real wages had increased by 36 per cent compared to their 1983 average and the inflation rate had exploded — some 850 per cent annually. All these developments closely resemble the situation in Israel in May and June 1985. As it happened here, the Argentinean public lost confidence in gradualism, and was willing to

accept much stronger measures, provided they brought economic stability. This was the background that led to the adoption of the *Austral* plan some weeks before the Israeli stabilization programme was introduced.

The new currency was fixed to the dollar at 0.8 australs to the dollar. The government also imposed a strict wage-price freeze. The implementation of the plan was preceded by an increase in government-controlled prices and a sharp devaluation. The government undertook not to print any money to finance its operations. The budget deficit was cut by tax and saving measures.

The plan was drafted by Economics Minister Juan Sourrouille and by Finance Minister Mario Brodersohn, who visited Israel in early 1985 and held extensive talks with some of the figures involved in drafting the Israeli plan, such as Prof. Michael Bruno and Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amorai.

It is understandable that officials here have shown keen interest in recent developments in Argentina, as though both economies were bound by a common fate.

In both countries there is at present a feeling of being at a crossroads. Inflation dropped dramatically in both countries but the price was a hurtful wage erosion for the workers. In Argentina, the unions are in the hands of the opposition Peronist movement, and the Alfonsín government is facing growing labour unrest. The unions had planned a general work stoppage last Wednesday, to be followed by another general strike in April.

Serious cracks have appeared in

the Argentinean price control scheme. The latest reports say basic foodstuffs are not to be found at official prices, and there are signs of a developing black market. Moreover, the black market rate for the dollar has increased to some .88 australs, about 10 per cent above the official rate. Officials of the National Statistics and Census Institute complain that merchants report business at official prices, whereas transactions are in many cases conducted at higher ones. This tends to put a question mark on the reliability of the cost-of-living figures, which show for the August-February period an increase of 15 per cent.

Then there is the budget. Like their Israeli counterparts, the Argentinean economic team produced a dramatic fall in the budget mainly by stop-gap measures, such as temporary taxes and tariffs and by raising the prices of government-supplied goods. For someone familiar with the Israeli case, the situation is clear. As the one-time taxes expired and stop-gap moves ceased to be effective, the government felt it must cut spending, but does not have the political clout to do so.

According to the March 9 issue of *Clarín* the Argentinean government failed to cut spending by 12 per cent in 1985. *Clarín* said that despite Alfonsín's pledge to cut the budget, the government's projected expenditure in administration operations for 1986 is \$60 million larger than in the previous year, despite a \$250m. reduction in interest payments on the internal debt. The Argentinean daily added that the budget envisages an increment of only 4 per cent for wages, which means that if work-

ers get full compensation for past wage erosion, massive dismissals from the public sector will be required to prevent excess in public spending.

WHEN something goes wrong with economic developments in Israel, our government has to give some explanation to the U.S., its major creditor and benefactor. In the case of Argentina this steering role is fulfilled by the International Monetary Fund, whose assessments carry a considerable weight with the international commercial banks, Argentina's creditors.

In a letter of intent to the IMF, a document giving explanations for developments and stating future projections, the Alfonsín administration said that the larger than projected public spending mainly reflected errors in estimation and difficulties in applying effective control over certain bodies in the public sector.

But the budget problems do not stop there. Under pressure from the opposition and from within his own Radical Party, Alfonsín implemented a "relaxation" of austerity.

According to the IMF the Argentinean government should devalue the austral by 10 per cent and implement measures to reduce public spending before May. It added in its recent report that a policy of strict wage restraint should be applied during the whole of 1986.

Alfonsín emerged early in March with a plan for a National Economic and Social Accord, similar to the package deals implemented in Israel between the Histadrut, the government and the employers from the end of 1984. The question is whether the unions will be willing to enter into such an accord.

Amazing anonymous

OUR anonymous donor from Cimarron, Kansas continues to amaze us with his frequent cheques to the Forsake Me Not fund. He has been a contributor since the inception of the fund.



Mr. Needle. Sorry for the error.

After a special Purim performance of *Elef Ester* by the Theatre Company of Jerusalem, the audience joined the cast for a hot wine and hamantaschen party. A raffle was held with the proceeds going to the Forsake Me Not fund. Our thanks to the theatre troupe, which is putting on *Elef Ester* again on April 17 at the Gerard Behar Centre, and to those who contributed the prizes.

Jonathan and Jordanna Konovitch of North Miami Beach, Florida saved \$16.35 from their own toy allowance and sent it to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund so that other less fortunate children might have some toys.

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NIS 15 On the occasion of Hilde Meisel's birthday — Chaim and Franz Simon. In loving memory of my dear husband, Arthur A. Kline and dear brother, Philip B. Goldberg — Rose Kline, Beersheba. Rolf Radauer, Joseph J. Roseman, Tel Aviv. Anonymous, Tel Aviv.
NIS 14.80 David and Molly Lurie, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.
NIS 12 Katharina Freund, Haifa.

NIS 10 A.G., Haifa. In memory of my father — L. Vaisman, Acre. David Gabriely. For Daddy's yahrzeit — Bush, Y.K. Ungar, Haifa. In cherished memory of my beloved parents and brother — Elly, Marcia Gamliel, Haifa.
NIS 9 In memory of my husband — Rannana, NIS 5 Esther and Shlomo Rosencstein, Netanya. Loni and Aaron Levin, Netanya. Chana Hinitz, Kfar Vithin.
\$195.60 In memory of Moishe Diamond — Minnie Diamond and sons, Solly, Michael, Baruch and Aubrey, Johannesburg, South Africa.
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MARKET PLACE

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Higher, faster, stronger

The share market continues to make its critics look like idiots. Every one of the five trading sessions since the Prime Minister climbed down from his proposed tax on the exchange, has been marked by rising prices. The market goes from strength to strength.

Or so it would appear. In fact, as all the professionals are too well aware, it is just another trap for the unwary. The mutual funds will not buy shares in any significant number at the current price levels. The "insiders" — mostly company owners and others with direct and undistorted knowledge of the true value of the companies that the shares represent, are actually selling.

The higher the prices go, the more the insiders will sell and the smaller the proportion of their total portfolio will the managers commit to the market. Their places can only be taken by the general public — if this amorphous group can be convinced that there is good reason for it to get involved in shares.

The main reason to do so is still in place, as it has been for the last six weeks. This remains the "no-choice boom." There is nothing to do with hot money, except risk at least some of it in an area that can bring large gains fast. Of the billions of footloose dollars in various forms of short-term refugees, a few per cent are all that is necessary for the share market to keep going up.

The next move in interest rates, which for the small saver are already safely negative, is likely to be down — if the government has anything to do with it. The primary alternative, that of foreign currency, remains firmly stuck, and all reports indicate it will remain so for the foreseeable future.

The foreseeable future, by the way, is a longer period than it used to be. It can now be said to extend — on the average — to about the second half of next week, which is more than double the average duration of the foreseeable future in the Israeli economy over the last five years.

There is, therefore, no sign of a movement into dollars, and the black market, after a flutter when the share market crisis blew up last week, has calmed down again.

Observers are waiting to see the usual April-May build-up of demand for illegal foreign currency, as the summer travel season gets underway. This year can be expected to see a very heavy movement of Israelis abroad, unless the travel tax is raised again. Those who can are probably planning to travel early in the hope of beating any increase.

In any event, the interplay of forces between the movement of incoming and outgoing tourists, the movement of the dollar in the currency markets, the changing pattern of inflationary and deflationary expectations here and the rate of interest in the banks, are all factors in the black dollar equation. And the black dollar is just one factor in the share market equation, so that any attempt at predicting it is a difficult task.

Nevertheless, many stock market analysts are convinced that, unless some external disturbance again throws the market out of kilter, the trend will remain firmly up. Basing themselves on the "no choice or alternative" theory noted above, they point to the well-tested experience of Tel Aviv and other markets, that suggests that as the market rises, more people are attracted to join.

As the smarter players gradually and almost unnoticeably exit the market from an over-valued market, the price level is borne steadily higher by the mass of new money pouring in. This scenario is particularly recognizable in Israel, since it occurred on a massive scale as recently as 1982.

Another piece of evidence which supports this pessimistic view of the market is the ridiculous seizure of good news and their exaggeration, while bad news is ignored. This week this feature was very noticeable with regard to the First International/Jack Nasser purchase, while the constant background noise of firings, strikes, and losses was ignored.

Thus, if the government fails to get its act together on the budget, even if a major coalition crisis develops on the issue, the market will be unaffected. If, though, a "revenue-enhancement package" is worked out which hits at the financial sector, the market will pay the utmost attention, as if the world were coming to an end.

More must be spent on marketing

Reports appear every so often about the Israeli "genius" in developing new products or in conducting research considered first-class by world standards. If the reports are true, Israel should be known as an economic power — which is certainly not the case.

Over the years the government has invested in research and development, first by universities and afterwards by companies. But even when the research succeeded, the Achilles heel of the development process has been its final stage — marketing.

A study conducted by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Technological Analysis and Forecasting at Tel Aviv University, focuses on Israeli industry's weakness in marketing abroad.

It turns out that the Bank of Israel and the Finance Ministry, concerned about controlling the outflow of foreign currency, make it difficult for firms here to set up branches and subsidiaries abroad. But the study shows that the most successful way of marketing is precisely by setting up such units abroad.

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The study also shows that medium-sized firms lack a knowledge of marketing. When a product is successful, the impulse for developing it comes from the market; when a product is developed simply because the technology is available, it doesn't succeed. But the government here devotes most of its aid to R&D, and little to the marketing side. This is in sharp contrast to the practice in the Scandinavian countries, Australia, Canada, and particularly in South Korea.

The authors of the study argue that the quality of a product and its suitability to a given market matter much more than its price. And firms should know that for every shekel spent on development, another shekel must go to preliminary marketing efforts, and another NIS 2

to investment in marketing during the stage of actually entering the market.

But Israelis don't need this study to tell them that the government spends \$500 million a year on encouraging exports, with a quarter of that going to R&D. The government would do well to cut back on export incentives provided for every dollar worth of a product sold abroad, and instead spend tens of millions of dollars on marketing abroad. This way, the R&D would turn into products which are really exported; otherwise the results of the research will be sold to foreign concerns, and the return on the R&D will be much lower.

Consciousness of marketing is beginning to enter government officialdom, but for the moment Israeli marketing abroad remains weak. Scitex is taking the right tack by spending \$1m. on an exhibition in Düsseldorf (story below); but it's a shame that the Bank of Israel is hindering the company's efforts to set up a subsidiary in Japan.

Scitex unveils dramatic new devices for graphics

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HERZLYA. — Scitex yesterday unveiled its latest line of products at a carefully-timed news conference for the foreign trade press, designed to pip its competition just before the giant "Drupa" graphic arts show scheduled to open May 2 in Duesseldorf.

Probably the most dramatic of these new micro-chip based tools for the printing, publishing and graphic arts industry is a small optical scanner. In terms of price, size and ease of operation this unit will revolutionize the processing of colour pictures in advertising agencies, colour magazines and newspapers. The new

"smart scanner" uses artificial intelligence to rapidly digitize the information in colour pictures, cutting scanning time down from 20 minutes by currently-available machines to about two minutes.

The scanner is now of a range of ten new pre-press products on which the company is pinning its hopes for the future. Some of these, like the *Saltlight* transportable scanner, have already made their debut. Others are newer versions of the company's already established products, significantly improved in terms of price and performance, as well as reduced in size.

All of the products now function in an ordinary office environment,

no longer requiring expensive computer rooms and special ducting. All have been incorporated into attractive Italian-designed office furniture.

Scitex chairman and executive director Ephraim Azaei said that the response of the influential industrial press visitors had been very positive.

The company will spend over \$1 million on its three-storey stand at "Drupa," which extends over more than a dunam. Within the next few weeks more than 30 tons of equipment is to be flown to Germany for the exhibit, with more than 30,000 visitors expected to visit the Scitex stand.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	113.50	+0.85%
Non-Bank Index	130.09	+1.46%
Arrangement	106.04	+0.55%
Insurance	147.74	+1.58%
Commerce, Services	133.77	+1.70%
Real Estate	156.78	+2.49%
Industrials	121.92	+1.15%
Textiles	148.25	+2.35%
Metals	109.92	+0.71%
Electronics	107.66	+0.37%
Chemicals	118.98	+1.61%
Industrial Invest.	123.96	+2.18%
Investment Co.	136.31	+1.20%
General Bond Index	101.40	+0.18%
Index-linked Bonds	101.30	+0.10%
Partially-linked	102.49	+0.09%
Dollar-linked	100.78	+0.18%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	101.03	+0.11%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	101.20	+0.10%
Long-term 5+ yrs	100.75	+0.53%

Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 11,846,200
Arrangement	NIS 2,389,000
Non-bank	NIS 9,267,200
Bonds — total	NIS 5,323,300
Index-linked	NIS 2,112,300
Dollar-linked	NIS 3,211,000
Treasury Bills	NIS 1,257,800

Share Movements:

Advances	224	(261)
Declines	75	(101)
Unchanged	7	(18)
of which 5% — "buyers only"	7	(18)
of which 5% — "sellers only"	21	(8)
of which 5% — "traders only"	5	(2)
Unchanged	78	(104)
Trading Halt	53	(38)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	11.88%
3% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%

4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%
80% linked	Mixed to 0.5%
90% linked	Slight movements
Double-linked	Mixed to 3%
Dollar-linked	Rises to 1%
Admon	Rises to 1%
Rimon	Rises to 2.5%
Gilboa	Rises to 2.5%
For. Curr. denominated	Mixed to 1%
Treasury Bills (monthly yield)	1.36% to 1.58%

Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	11.89%
Union 0.1	11.80%
Discount A	12.07%
Nesha Chem.	11.84%
Mizrahi r.	12.13%
Hapoalim r.	11.68%
General A	11.88%
Laumi stock	11.13%
Fin. Trade 1	11.13%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name

Price Volume % 1000NIS change

Commercial Banks

Maritime 1	1300	4401	+0.4
General non-arr.	31000	265	+3.7
First Int.	3755	3912	—
FIBI	3780	12250	+2.2

Commercial Banks

IDB	80950	389	+0.7
Union 0.1	60350	63	+0.7
Discount	10290	353	+0.7
Mizrahi	33170	431	—
Hapoalim r.	54697	885	+0.2
General A	141250	7	+0.7
Laumi 0.1	34950	1789	+1.0
Fin. Trade	47180	552	—

Mortgage Banks

Laumi Mort. r.	4430	852	+7.3
Dev. Mort.	1075	1078	—
Mishkan r.	2082	150	+3.5
Tefahot	12500	105	—
Mekorot	3325	1400	+15.0

Agricultural Institutions

Agri. C.	35000	4	—
Ind. Dev. DCI	no trading	—	—
Chal Lending 0.1	9816	141	+10.0

Insurance

Ararat 0.1 r.	4460	659	+3.0
Hasekkel	2900	5764	+3.2
Phoenix 0.1	1250	794	+1.3
Hamishmar	9500	100	+1.6
Menorah 1	8950	30	+2.2
Shahar r.	5160	379	+9.8
Zion Hold. 1	12405	173	—

Trade & Services

Melzi Ezra	4180	388	+10.0
Supersol 2	4320	1617	+2.9
Delek r.	4885	4172	+3.6
Lightage	9415	54	+10.0
Cold Storage	1050	67	+1.8
Don Hotels	4210	740	—
Yarden Hotel	3199	1153	—
Hilon 1	13198	8	—
Team 1	1775	793	+7.6

Real Estate, Building and Agriculture

Aspirin	3990	4237	+2.0
Elion	1374	b.o.1	+5.0
Africa Isr. 0.1	40500	146	+1.8
Daniner	3950	1546	+5.3
Prop. & Bldg.	2630	5373	+3.1
Bayseide 0.1	6380	175	+0.4
ILDC r.	45400	144	+0.4
Rasoco r.	5800	439	—
Mehadrin	6200	619	+6.0
Hadarim	1315	4063	+2.7

Industrials

Dubek b	3435	1573	+5.4
Pr-Ze 1	2272	1725	—
Sunifrost	8025	327	+3.4
Elita	15000	316	—
Adgar	770	1618	+8.5
Arganran r.	7650	353	+1.4
Delta 0.1	4710	535	—
Maquette 1	23212	18	+3.0
Eagle 1	9720	41	+2.3
Polgar 0.1	8700	758	+1.8
Schoeller	16250	178	+2.8
Rogovin	3350	688	+2.8
Urdan 0.1 r.	no trading	—	—
Is. Can Co. 1	1050	2840	—
Zion Cables	2210	695	+2.8
Packer Steel	5040	214	+5.0
Elbit 3 r.	436000	67	—

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Clal Electronics	2600	1545	-
Spectronix 1	1870	1704	+3.9
T.A.T. 1	3477	223	-7.9
Ackerstein 1	1368	713	-5.0
Agan 5	18665	26	+2.0

Investment Companies

IDB Dev. r.	3820	2800	+2.6
Elion	2850	1878	—
Art 1	no trading	—	—
Gabelet	1335	3	-0.4
Israel Corp. 1	7100	594	-1.8
Wolfson 1	80000	8	+8.1
Hapoalim Inv.	4160	2550	+3.7
Laumi Invest.	4965	738	+2.6
Mizrahi Invest.	2350	7702	+3.1
Mizrahi Invest.	17501	128	+1.7
Clal 10	2432	4872	—
Lendeco 0.1	8400	21	+1.2
Pama 0.1	10100	82	-1.5

Oil Exploration

Paz Oil Expl.	11000	147	—
J.O.E.L.	1290	1624	-0.8

Abbreviations:

s.o. sellers only b. buyers only

FINANCIAL DATA. ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

Israel Money Markets March 27, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	21.3	8-13%	8-13%	9-14 %
HAPOALIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	13.3	7-13%	7-13%	9-13 %
MIZRAHI	15.2	12-18%	12-20%	12-18 %
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13 %

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 58 days.)

PATAM — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of March 27)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.875	6.875	6.875
STG	10.500	9.875	9.500
DMK	4.000	4.000	4.000
SFR	3.500	3.575	3.250
YEN	3.750	3.750	3.250

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

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GERMANY	MARK	0.5407	0.53	0.5445
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2084	0.20	0.2094
HOLLAND	GILDER	0.5679	0.56	0.5716
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7658	0.75	0.7689
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2032	0.20	0.2044
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2044	0.20	—
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1733	0.17	—
FINLAND	MARK	0.2856	0.28	0.2880
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0612	1.04	1.0688
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0585	0.99	1.0658
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7082	0.55	0.7112
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3076	0.30	0.3146
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.9110	0.89	0.9183
ITALY	LIRE	0.9415	0.92	0.9465
JAPAN	YEN	0.8278	0.81	0.8333
JORDAN	DINAR	—	4.09	4.1764
EGYPT	POUND	—	0.80	0.8645

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Precious Metals

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	345.50	P.M. FIX	344.00
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Unfinished story

IT IS EASY enough to assure the people of Galilee that the IDF will find the means to contend with the pernicious "national resistance movement" in southern Lebanon, as the vice premier, Yitzhak Shamir, did in responding to the latest Katyusha firing on Kiryat Shmona yesterday morning.

The IDF already has the means to inflict the most punishing blows on whoever shoots rockets from southern Lebanon into Israel land, and whoever helps or shelters the perpetrators. The bombing of the Fatah bases in the Sidon area following the Katyusha firing was only a foretaste of things that might yet come. Nothing but a policy decision stands in the way of the IDF's carrying out Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's threat of allowing southern Lebanon no peace unless it left Israel in peace.

But is that the only option available in a situation that begins to recall the old days just before the launching of the war in Lebanon nearly four years ago — or, more accurately, before the onset of the cease-fire that was put paid to by the launching of the war?

That this is the situation can hardly be doubted, with one reservation: in some respects, it is now worse — as a direct result of the war — than it was then. The Lebanese government no longer maintains any centralized control whatever over the country, least of all in the south. Lebanon has become at best a loose federation of principalities remotely overseen by the Syrians.

The Maronites, on whom Israel once banked for support, have burned themselves out. The Druse can barely hang on to their own assets. And — worst of all — the Shi'ites, Israel's natural allies who constitute a majority of the population in the south, have become so "radicalized" as to lock arms with the same previously banished Palestinian terrorists under whose yoke they had once chafed, and who are now returning in force to Sidon and its environs.

It was not inevitable that it should be so. Most of the Shi'ites in southern Lebanon detest the Palestinians who dominated them before 1982, do not share their basic hostility for Israel, and would presumably have forcibly barred any terrorist action aimed at Israel territory — whether by Hizbollah, or the PLO or the anti-PLO — if only to avoid IDF reprisals, provided that Israel had truly withdrawn from the south and left the area to be dominated by the Shi'ite Amal militia.

This did not work out, because Mr. Rabin insisted on a formal undertaking by Amal leader Nabih Berri that his men would keep the peace of the area, while Mr. Berri would not deign to talk turkey with Mr. Rabin until the IDF had cleared out of Lebanon. The result was the "security zone" — and this week's Katyusha firings across it into Galilee.

The most alarming aspect of these firings was not Fatah's open acknowledgment of its responsibility for yesterday's attack on Kiryat Shmona — although that, too, might have been prevented if Amal had so willed — as the reported taking of responsibility by the head of Amal's military arm, Mahmoud Fakih, for the earlier harmless barrage that was supposed to be in retaliation for the SLA shelling — unauthorized even by its commander — of the town of Nabatiya.

In principle, Mr. Rabin is absolutely right. In relations between nations, reciprocity is all. But Lebanon is not a nation, and nor are the Shi'ites. Yet things are getting ugly up north, and will get uglier if nothing is done to check the present drift.

No alternative solution to the present arrangement shapes up as ideal or foolproof. Ariel Sharon's "quagmire" solution has already been tried, and found wanting. An Israeli withdrawal beyond the international frontier would also have its risks. But that option would not prevent the IDF from going back, if necessary. Or even from delivering the ultimate punishment of what Mr. Rabin once called scorched earth.

No reason to beg

THE ENDLESS debate about how to reschedule Kupat Holim's staggering \$500 million debt was the occasion yesterday for another stormy "summit meeting," which mainly dealt with the irrelevant question of who is to blame for the sick fund's financial woes.

A report on Kupat Holim's finances had first been submitted by Yaacov Gadish, the Treasury's former budget director, who had been appointed to the task at the suggestion of Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. This ascribed a major part of the accumulated debt to the loan-shark interest rates charged by the banks, not just in conformity with a mad monetary policy but in excess of it.

Mr. Moda'i didn't like the apportionment of blame as laid down in the Gadish Report, and liked the recommendations even less. So he appointed one of his officials to write a counter-report which, not too surprisingly, came to rather different conclusions. But, meanwhile, its preparation dragged out the rescue of Kupat Holim.

Although Prof. Haim Doron, Kupat Holim's director, may have exaggerated when he said this week that each day of delay is costing the sick fund \$500,000 in additional interest charges, it is clear that delay makes the debt grow. And no matter who is to blame and by how much — Kupat Holim itself, the government, the banks — it is clear that the sick fund, which provides medical service for 85 per cent of the population, and to which there is no alternative, must be bailed out.

This does not mean that Kupat Holim must not be held responsible for maintaining budgetary discipline in the future, and the Gadish report has suggested nothing of the kind. What it means is that all the necessary reforms can only come after the immediate crisis has been resolved. Mr. Moda'i's exercise in pitting one report against another seems to be merely an attempt by the Liberal finance minister to undermine a major stronghold of the Histadrut.

No matter how open to criticism for financial mismanagement it may be, Kupat Holim Clalit performs a national service. The government now supports it to the tune of some 6 per cent of its budget, down from some 30 per cent eight years ago. The present level of government support would hardly warrant Kupat Holim's nationalization even if someone thought that a public service of this size would be financially better disciplined and more efficient under direct government control.

By the same token, the battle royal that has been going on over the amount of \$15 million which the Treasury has cut from its promised current allocation of \$54 million — out of a total Kupat Holim budget of \$823 million — raises the question why the Sick Fund cannot cut itself loose altogether from its dependence on the government. That dependence is far out of proportion to the paltry size of the government's support. Surely the increase in Histadrut dues, or the fees that might be collected for certain medical services, are not such as to drive away thousands of Histadrut members or to undermine the principles of social solidarity.

However, that too is a complex of issues to be dealt with in the future. For now, Kupat Holim must be put back in working order.

Shamir's shadow with Peres to U.S.

DAVID LANDAU

SHIMON PERES is taking Yitzhak Shamir with him to Washington next week. When Peres meets his good friend George Shultz for a heart-to-heart talk, Shamir will be there too.

Not in person. But in spirit. Hovering, casting a shadow. Like a helicopter that has crossed the horizon and now looms ever larger as it lumbers in to land.

Shamir. The man whom it was so trendy to disparage. The people around Peres hardly bothered to veil their disdain; hardly stopped to contemplate the troublesome thought that the other man might have read the future better than their own man. Or that Moshe Nissim, the Likud fixer in the September 1984 negotiations, was much, much shrewder than Labour's own overrated fixer, Moshe Shahal.

Now Peres will receive a dousing of doubt realism from none other than Shultz. He will find the secretary and the administration reconciled to the "rotation," resigned to the prospect, prepared for it.

Even more depressing, Peres will find in Washington at least some policy-makers who believe that Peres's eclipsing premiership, his inability to prevent the "rotation," is itself demonstrative proof that Labour is the party of the past.

Two weeks ago, at the height of the Herut melee, some American observers joined with their Israeli friends in succumbing to the comfortable hope that the Right here might obligingly tear itself apart.

A vain hope. Those very qualities in Shamir which his detractors love to pillory — but which can equally be seen as doggedness, self-effacement, far-sighted patience — have, once again, carried the day. And carried him and all of us one day nearer to October 13. The wild scenes at the convention are already remembered as mere outbursts of democratic exuberance.

The Americans, at any rate, are not going to waste their breath tut-tutting. If this is the political culture of their ally, then so be it. To their dispassionate analysts this seems to be the wave of Israel's future, and Peres will have a hard job persuading George Shultz otherwise.

"Labour?" a key administration observer remarked this week. "Where are its Dan Meridors? Its Uzi Landaus?" (He might have added Meir Shitrit, Ehud Olmert, and the other rising stars of the Right.) "The only man in Labour under 40 is Haim Ramon. How can Labour be the party of the future?"

He might have added, too, that, barring Sharon, the Reagan Administration got on pretty well with the Likud governments before 1984, all things considered. Certainly with Shamir and Arens.

Maybe Shultz prefers Peres. Probably he does. But the secretary will not stick his neck out to help a lame-duck prime minister.

Short-sighted? Perhaps. "But what are our alternatives?" asks the administration observer. The Arabs, especially King Hussein, have disappointed. And Washington cannot artificially stiffen the resolve of an endemically vacillating Israeli leader, nor ease his domestic plight.

"Gaza-first," the most recent balloon to be floated by Peres's people, has so far failed to attract serious attention in Washington. Perhaps the premier will be able to sell it to

Shultz face-to-face.

The "Middle East Marshall Plan," which Peres has latterly been canvassing among Western leaders, is a credit to the premier's breadth of vision. When Shamir becomes prime minister, he will no doubt endorse and enthusiastically adopt it. Why shouldn't he? After all, it was conceived chiefly as a means to generate outside involvement in our region in a period of dangerous diplomatic deadlock.

And if anything is a safe bet, it is the continuation of the diplomatic deadlock under Prime Minister Shamir.

JUST HOW DANGEROUS the vacuum could be was demonstrated last week. But Labour, caught up in the frustrations of its own inactivity, failed to take note.

Had Tourism Minister Shamir been felled (God forbid) in Cairo, as the assassin probably intended, instead of the anonymous young Esi Talmor, the peace with Egypt might literally have died with him.

It is so weak and sickly, 21 months into Peres's premiership, that a trauma like that would probably have killed it.

Yet the peace with Egypt, strengthened and restored to vigour, was to have been, in Peres's programme, the foundation of a bold new foreign policy. The springboard for an enlightened effort to implement the "Peace in the Middle East" (i.e., Israeli-Palestinian peace) prescribed in the Camp David accord but successfully stymied by its Likud signatories.

Taba was seen — rightly — as the trumped-up technicality which the obdurate Shamir had seized upon and exploited to prevent a full realization of Camp David's potential.

It would be swept away within weeks.

Now, nearly two years later, Peres's people are still sweeping... The totality of their progress is the cabinet's acceptance, after a melodramatic and hollow "crisis," of the "principle of arbitration." Standing between principle and practice is the squat but solid figure of Yitzhak Shamir.

The vice premier, when he can take a moment from his Herut torments, must look in the mirror and laugh. On Wednesday, in an interview suffused with disingenuousness to mark the seventh anniversary of the peace treaty (which he opposed), Shamir described how Israel was bending over backwards to be flexible on Taba, while the Egyptians obstinately refused to compromise.

TABA, the tiny speck on the map, has been the true testing-ground of Shimon Peres's leadership and foresight since day-one of his premiership. Not because of any intrinsic significance, but because of the significance which both Mubarak and Shamir chose to attach to it.

When Mubarak and Shamir square off once again, on October 13, it will be as though nothing has changed. All the issues between them, bilateral and broader, remain as they were — frozen. Peres's premiership will seem to have been a fleeting intermission in an ongoing tragedy.

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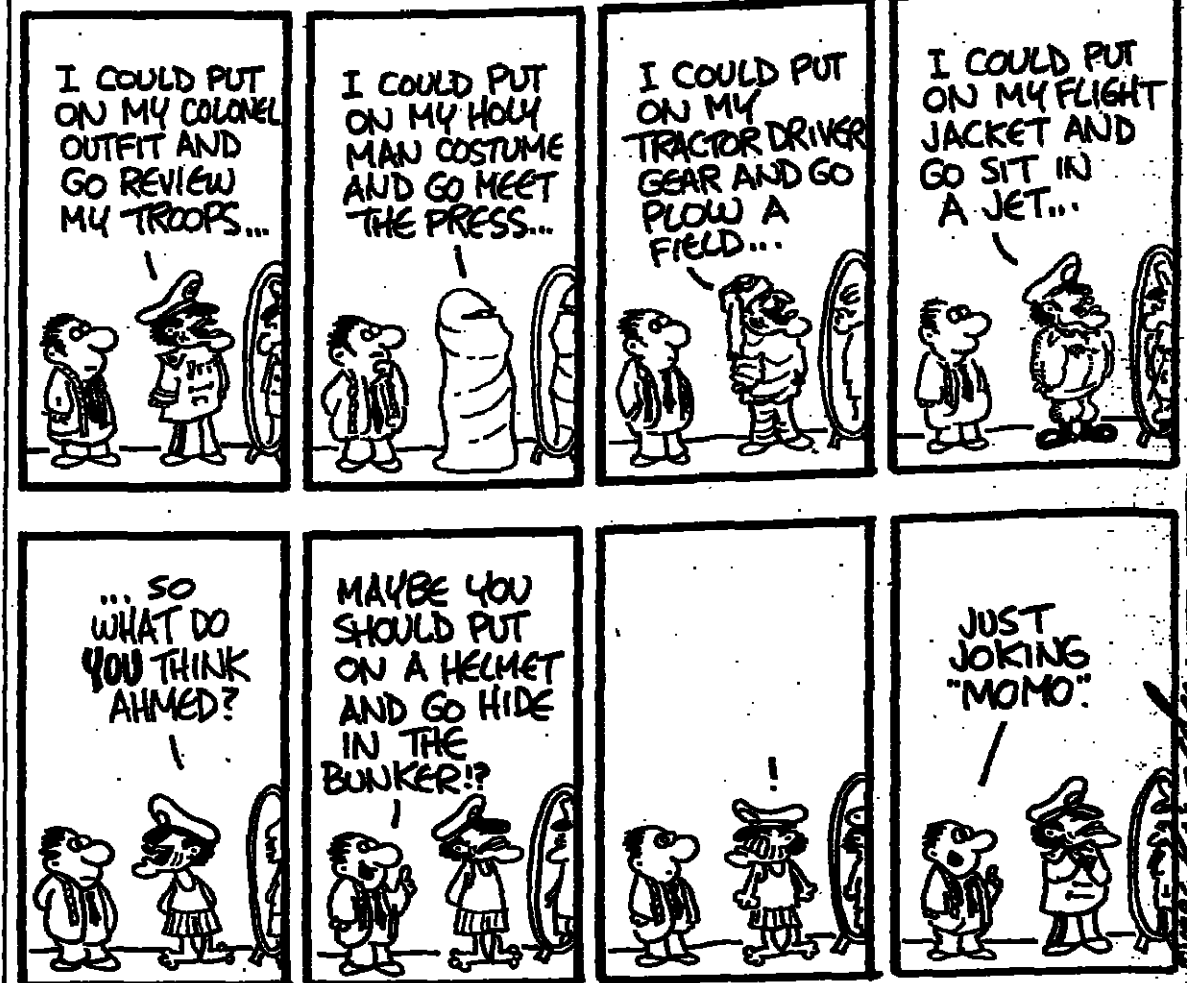
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READERS' LETTERS

THE GRAPEFRUIT CONTROVERSY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Martha Meisel's article of March 13, "Sour grapefruit." I cannot accept that it is far-fetched to believe that a commercial which encourages women to be viewed as sexual playthings also increases the general lack of respect for women as human beings, which can indeed lead to sexual harassment and in some cases rape.

The continued showing of this commercial can only add to the already too widespread perception that women are little more than instruments of men's pleasure.

As a man, I also find the commercial insulting and, while Ms. Meisel may think a comment on her "grapefruits" is delicate, most women I know would find the comment no less insulting than any other phrase that may be employed.

JASON LEICHTER

Ginossar.

Sir, — I have admired Martha Meisel's work for many years, so it was with great disappointment that I read her article, "Sour grapefruit."

In my opinion, it is a crime to use "a little sexual innuendo" to sell a product. I happen to disagree with Martha Meisel's that this particular ad is a trivial example of the genre — I find it offensive every time it is shown.

And as far as compliments are concerned, wouldn't Martha Meisel rather be told by one of her male colleagues that her last article on washing machines was well researched and interestingly written, than receive a humiliating "compliment" on her grapefruits?

HANI ROSEN

Ein Shemer.

Sir, — Having read both Martha Meisel's and Alice Shalvi's views on the controversial televised grapefruit advertisements, I believe that the latter has put the former to shame. Ms. Shalvi's arguments were well thought out and reasoned. Not only that, they contained the humour which certain groups unjustifiably claim is missing in the feminist movement, while Ms. Meisel's attempts at humour ignored the seriousness of women's grievances.

RANEN OMER

Yahel.

Sir, — While I am in complete agreement with all those who are offended by the sexist grapefruit advertisement on television, I feel their tactics are completely missing the mark.

Letters of complaint and demonstrations are of no avail. The whole point of any advertisement is to increase the sales of its product. The most effective weapon against such an advertisement is to stop buying that product.

Therefore, I suggest that all those who resent this sexist exploitation do as I do. From the day that the ad appears on the screen, my family knows that the grapefruit season "has suddenly come to an end."

SHIFRA GORDON

Jerusalem.

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JOINT RABBINICAL COURTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I must take issue with Moshe Zemer's statement ("Pluralistic Approach" — February 19), that "Joint rabbinical courts operated most successfully in Denver, Colorado...until outside pressures put an end to these cooperative ventures." If Rabbi Zemer had read the issue of the *Intermountain Jewish News* which covered the Denver joint rabbinical court in great detail he would have discovered several facts which not only contradict his assertion, but provide pretty strong evidence that joint rabbinical courts do not work.

First of all, the "Orthodox" rabbis who joined court were all rabbis of what are called "traditional" congregations. These are congregations which have mixed seating, a significant break from *Halacha*. The rabbis of the regular Orthodox synagogues did not join in the joint court, and opposed its existence.

The traditional rabbis who did join the court had very serious reservations about its viability from the very beginning. Among these were the following:

1. The traditional rabbis, who supervised the actual conversion process, were required to process every prospective convert certified to them by the joint court. To do so, they had to water down the standards they normally applied to gentiles desiring to convert. However, the Reform rabbis of Denver were free to process their converts outside the joint court if they so desired.

2. Eighty per cent of the conversion process was handled by the joint court.

AFFILIATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We were most impressed with the very fine interview by Moshe Kohn with Franklin D. Kreutzwiler, the new young president of United Synagogue of America, and his emphasis on the centrality of Israel as a major fueling force of the revitalization of this lay movement in Judaism (March 16).

Only one correction: The Conservative movement world-wide is a member of the World Zionist Organization via the World Council of Synagogues. Mercas, which you note, is the Zionist membership movement within the United Synagogue of America. The hopes of Mercas are to formally sign every member of the Zionist movement which would complete organizationally what always has been a fact ideologically.

MEYER BARGTEIL, Chairman, World Council Liaison Committee Jerusalem, in Israel, and Mercas

verts the joint board process came through the Reform movement.

3. The Reform movement adopted a policy of seeking converts among "unchurched" gentiles, which was implemented in Denver with a conversion programme. The traditional rabbis were very uncomfortable being associated with a formal conversion programme. The Reform movement's adoption of patrilineality only increased the discomfort.

By the summer of 1983, the traditional rabbis were so disenchanted with the joint court that they withdrew of their own accord. There was no outside pressure involved. The Rabbinical Council of America, to which the traditional rabbis belonged, started its investigation in the early winter of 1984, after the joint court and its breakup was reported in the *Intermountain Jewish News*, and almost six months after the joint court broke up.

In discussing the joint court, the three traditional rabbis, speaking long before any outside pressures were brought to bear, expressed a strong conviction that they had sacrificed too much for the sake of "Jewish unity." It was only after the national outcry that they started to defend their actions.

The joint court in Denver, when examined carefully, proved Rabbi Louis Bernstein's point that there is not enough common ground for any kind of joint rabbinical court.

LAWRENCE M. REISMAN

New York.

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PUTTING IT TO A VOTE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I wish to thank Hersh Goodman for his excellent open letter to King Hussein (March 11). May many people on both sides of the Jordan River be of the same opinion!

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